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# **Loss Gives Clinton** Lesson in Priorities Brown's Connecticut Victory **Puts Focus Back on Primaries**

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Stung by his
loss in Connecticut to Edmund G.
(Jerry) Brown Jr., Bill Clinton must now concentrate on winning a con-vincing victory in the New York primary on April 7 to revive his front-running momentum toward the Democratic presidential nomi-

Campaign advisers said that meant the Arkansas governor would have to slow his efforts to engage President George Bush as an equal, focusing more energy on New York and less on the fall cam-

paign.
Mr. Brown, a former governor of
California, narrowly defeated Mr. Chinton in Connecticut on Tuesday, winning 37 percent of the vote to Mr. Clinton's 36 percent. Fewer than 3,000 votes separated the two.

Paul E. Tsongas, a former senator from Massachusetts, won 20 percent of the vote even though he withdrew from the race last week.

On the Republican side, Mr. Bush was an easy victor with 67 percent. Patrick J. Buchanan won 22 percent. The rest of the Republican votes went to uncomprised delican votes went to uncomprise delican votes went to uncomprise delicant votes went to uncomprise votes went votes went votes can votes went to uncommitted delegates, with 9 percent, and David Duke, the former Kn Klux Klans-man from Louisiana, who had 2

The Clinton camp expects to fight on difficult terrain in New York, known for tough politics and a press that could prove particular-ly troublesome if it dwells on ques-tions about Mr. Clinton's integrity.

Connecticut voters expressed strong doubts about Mr. Clinton's character, according to exit polls reported by ABC News. Asked if they believed Mr. Clinton had the honesty and integrity to be president, 49 percent said "yes" — but an astonishing 46 percent said

Mr. Clinton conceded that re-cent negative publicity had hurt him in Connecticut, and he criticized Mr. Brown for his intensely

State Department said Wednesday.

public nn nther details.

"I think he's been too personal,"
Mr. Clinton said, and "frankly, in
states like Connecticut, where I
haven't been at all and where that
kind of bad publicity may resonate,
it may have some effect."

State Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell Jr., the Manhauan Democratic county leader who plans to stay neutral in the New York race, said Mr. Clinton needed to be con-

Clinton may have to fight all the way to California. Page 3.

cerned not only about Mr. Brown, but also about his own image. "It's a four-way race," Mr. Par-rell said. "It's Clinton versus Clin-

ton and Clinton versus Brown." Clinton aides sought to highlight what they said were the positive aspects of Mr. Brown's emergence as a threat. "Jerry's going to have to face the same level of scrutiny we are," said George Stephanopoulos, Mr. Clinton's deputy campaign

"He's not just a protest candi-date any more," added David Wil-helm, Mr. Clinton's campaign

manager.

Mr. Clinton, who has already assailed Mr. Brown's "flat tax" proposal for a 13 percent across-the-board income tax and a 13 percent value-added tax, will emphasize a new aspect of his opponent's plan in New York: It does not allow deductions for state and local taxdeductions for state and local taxes, which are high in New York. In addition, Mr. Tsongas will not be a factor in New York, according

to Stanley Greenberg, Mr. Clinton's polister. Blacks and Jews also cast a far larger share of the vote in New York than in Connecticut, he added. The black vote has been one of Mr. Clinton's mainstays. He outstripped Mr. Brown among Jewish voters in earlier primaries, but exit polls in Connecticut showed Mr. Brown slightly shead of Mr. Clinton among Jewish voters,
His aides have said that partly

because of the influence of New See POLITICS, Page 6

U.S. Has Drug Doubts

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

next prime minister was refused a United States visa last year because of concern that he was linked to drug trafficking, the U.S.

The department said in a statement issued in Washington that the politician, Narong Wongwan, was denied a visa last July under terms of an immigration law that allows the United States to bar entry to anyone who "is or has been an illicit trafficker in any controlled

substance" or whn assists a drug trafficker. The department made

An American law-enforcement official said in a telephone inter-

view from Washington that Mr. Narong, 66, whose selection as prime minister was announced Wednesday, was "rich and he's from

northern Thailand, and those two factors, together, can mean

Mr. Narong, a wealthy businessman and politician from northern Thailand, is the leader of the Justice Unity, or Samakkii Tham,

Party, which captured more seats than any other party in the parliamentary election on Sunday, the first since a coup last year.

the information about Mr. Narong and the drug allegations in response to questions posed at a news conference in Washington. There was no immediate response from Mr. Narong or his pobtical

At a news conference Wednesday, Mr. Narong said he had

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Margaret D. Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman, issued

BANGKOK - A veteran politician slated to become Thailand's

With the breakup of the Soviet Union, Russia and Kazakhstan be-Proposed Thai Chief:

> fees for use of the space complex, and Russia — already strapped for funds — worked out a deal to allow the first Kazakh cosmonaut to be launched in return for more lenient



Class Sergei Krikalev, stuck in a space station as an orbiting hostage to budget problems on the ground in Russia, returned Wednesday to a different country than he left 10

The flight engineer, 34, who was lifted into space 310 days earlier by the Soviet Union, returned to Kazakhstan, one of the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States that has replaced the

While be was circling the earth in the Mir space station, his borneland fought off a coup, changed its title, its flag, its anthem and its state

As he returned, Mr. Krikalev's uniform sleeve still bore the letters
"U.S.S.R." and the red Soviet flag.
Nicknamed the "space victim"
and "the man who is sick of flying" by the press while he waited to be returned to earth, Mr. Krikalev is now being called Russia's "time traveler" and compared to the heroes of science fiction who sudden-

ly found themselves catapulted into

a new century. By late Wednesday, he had not made any statement about his oew country. But Mr. Krikaley said at a news conference broadcast last week, "I lived on the territory of Russia while the republics were united into the Soviet Union, and I am moving back into Russia, which is united in the Commonwealth of Independent States, so the change

has not been so drastic." Originally due to return in Octo-ber, Mr. Krikalev continued to spin around the Earth 16 times a day while economic, territorial and bu-reaucratic battles waged beneath

gan to fight over how to administer the Baikonur cosmodrome, which was built by the Soviets on Kazakh-

Kazakhstan tried to charge huge

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ONE SMALL STEP - Soldiers helping Sergei Krikalev from the landing craft in Kazakhstan on Wednesday.

# For UN, a New Marker Toward Defanging Iraq

BAGHDAD - A UN team de-strayed Iraqi missile equipment Wednesday in a major step toward scrapping traq'a arsenal.

"We began the process of destroying the ballistic missile repair and production facilities," the team leader, Derek

Boothby of Britain, said in Baghdad. "We have overseen the destruction of six or seven different items and two other items are being destroyed."

Mr. Boothby said the equipment included instruments used to mix solid missile propellant and computers used in the production and repair of Scud

missiles, salvos of which were fired at

Israel and Saudi Arahia during last year's Gulf War.

Baghdad refused to allow a UN team to wreck the equipment in February, arguing it could be used in civilian industry. But it backed down last week and agreed to several measures demanded by the United Nations in line with Gulf War cease-fire terms.

"This is again another step forward,"

said Mr. Boothhy.

Baghdad last week gave Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN panel overseeing the elimination of Iraq's arsenal, a list of bundreds of missiles, launcher vehicles and other munitions including chemicals weapons that were destroyed last

It also agreed to the scrapping of the missile equipment and said it was will-that Baghdad said it cannot afford with

ing to disclose its arms programs. The Iraqi turnaround was apparently to avert a showdown with the Security Council and to head off the possibility of attacks on military targets by the United States and Britain.

Mr. Ekeus has said that when his inspectors know enough about Iraq's weapon programs then he would recommend easing UN sanctions — imposed 19 months ago after Iraq invaded Ku-wait — that have led to shartages of food and medicine in Iraq.

The United Nations and Iraqi officials are due to meet Thursday in Vien-na to discuss the resumption of limited

that Baghdad said it cannot afford with

its assets abroad frozen. But Iraq said Tuesday it would not accept any UN plan for oil sales that infringed on its sovereignty.

Michael Z. Wise of The Washing-

ton Post reported from Vienna:
The International Atomic Energy Agency ordered Iraq to destroy the technical core of an installation containing key elements for Baghdad's drive to huild nuclear weapons at a series of clandestine sites.

Inspectors are to aversee destruction at the Al Atheer center southwest of See IRAQ, P 26

# Libya Refuses To Surrender 2 Suspects Gadhafi Said to Fear

Being Directly Linked To Lockerbie Bombing

By Caryle Murphy

Washington Post Service

CAIRO — The Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, is reluctant to surrender two reputed security agents for trial in the 1988 Pan American World Airways bombing because of fears they will name him as the one who ordered the terrorist attack that killed 270

who ordered the terronst attack that killed 270 people, diplomats and a Libyan exile said.

The surrender of the two suspects, accused hy the United States and Britain of planting the bomh that blew up the airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, could also undermine Colonel Gadhafi's government by alienating members of his security forces and certain tribal groups, diplomatical tribal groups, diplomatical countries are security forces and certain tribal groups, diplomatical countries are security forces and certain tribal groups. mats based in Tripoli said.

Colonel Gadhafi's "crisis" is that he cannot

surrender them "because he knows he will be surrender them "because he knows he will be named personally," said Abdul Hameid M. Backoush, a former Libyan prime minister living in Cairo. "He will never give them np. He cannot. He's frightened. He knows many things will be revealed."

A senior Arah League delegation met with Colnnel Gadhafi nn Tuesday might to discuss a proposal to hand the two men to the Arab

proposal to hand the two men to the Arab League, with the understanding that they would then be delivered to the Western courts. The delegation returned without getting Culonel Gadhafi's assent to the proposal, which was first disclosed by Libya's chief delegate to the United Nations. The sentiment among diplomats in Cairo is that the initiative is dead.

Earlier, delegates to an Arab League meeting in Cairo an Sunday told Libya that they saw no alternative but far it to comply with the UN

Colonel Gadhafi's fear of being directly implicated in the Lockerbic explosion appears in be the main reason he has so far refused to comply with a UN Security Council resolution

comply with a UN Security Council resolution on Jan. 21 demanding that Libya fully cooperate with the investigation into the bombing. The United States and Britain have made clear that "full cooperation" requires extradition of the two Libyans.

According to one source, a senior Arab official urged the Libyan foreign minister, Ibrahim Mohammed Beshari, in a recent meeting in Crim to the American to the American

Cairo to turn over the two men to the Americans since they "have the best legal system with the most guarantees." "You can get lawyers, you can prolong

things," the source quoted the Arab official as

saying.

Mr. Beshari reportedly replied that if Libya had guarantees that only these two men were wanted, it would surrender them, but that it was afraid more charges would follow against the

suspects' superiors, the source said.

"If they are extradited, they will be questioned and that will lead to more arrest warrants," a Tripoli-based diplomat said.

The two men, Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, are said by Western officials to be members of Colonel Gadhafi's security forces. In addition, Mr. Megrahi is said to belong to the same tribe as Colonel Gadhafi's No. 2, Majur Abdel-Salam Jalloud. Several Tripoli-based diplomats said they

thought that surrendering the two would undermine the loyalty of these twn groups to Colonel Gadhafi, with possible serious repercussions

for the stability of his government.

"One has to consider the internal consequences in delivering" the two men, one envoy said Wednesday. "I've heard of problems in certain groups. They would not react very posi-tively to surrender."

Mr. Backoosh dismissed such possible reper-cussions. "There will be no reaction," he said. Colonel Gadhafi "is controlling the country by iron and blood. The tribes are just social divi-sions. There is no security service. There are security gangs, scattered, whn get their orders directly from Gadhafi. Nabody controls any-

#### Kiosk

### **Senators Balk** On Leak Inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ranking senators on Wednesday rejected a special counsel'a request to compel reporters to di-vulge confidential sources for leaks during the confirmation hearings of Justice Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court. By denying the request for sub-

poenas from the counsel for the Senate inquiry, Wendell H. Ford, Democrat of Kentucky, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, and Ted Stevens of Alaska, the ranking Republican on the panel, appeared to head off a constitutional confrontation involving freedom of the press and the power of Congress.

#### General News

In Africa, ethnic and geographic groups are asserting their right to self-determination.

#### Business/Finance The EC Commission launched an antitrust inquiry into the Perrier

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BOWLED OVER — Phil DeFreitas, left, commiserating with his celebrated teammate, Ian Botham, after England's cricket team lost to Pakistan by 22 runs in the World Cup final. It was Pakistan's first Cup title, and England's third failure to win it. Page 19.

# Is Chinese Leauer on His Way Out?

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service
BEIJING — In the 15 years
since Mao died, no Chinese leader dared move into the Great Helmsman's old homes in Zhongnanhai, the new Forbidden City of lakes and gardens in the center of the

Then last fall, in a gesture of supreme political self-confidence, Prime Minister Li Peng decided to

move into part of one of Mao's ald with octogenarian allies whn are

These days a major power strug-gle is unfolding in China and envel-oping Mr. Li, cheering his enemies with the thought that he may have to look for a new job and a new bome. For many intellectuals and officials, the test of whether the latest talk of reform is serious is whether it puts Mr. Li out of work.

betting seems to be that he will probably manage to hold on to his joh for at least the next year. But already Mr. Li appears to be wounded politically, and even the

extremely powerful, at least when they are alert, and so most of the

subtle campaigning against him is a sign that the hard-liners seem to be

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# The Sky Is Fauing in Europe EC Plan to Loosen Air Travel Gains Speed

Mr. Li is a tough political fighter

By Charles Goldsmith

BRUSSELS — "Now boarding is British Airways Flight 999 to Marseille," comes the announcement at Charles de Gaulle Airport near Paris. "All passengers please proceed to Gate 10."

Marseille? On British Airways from Paris?

Surely the announcer made a mistake, because noly Air Inter, a unit of Air France, is allowed to fly from Paris to Marseille under the jealously restrictive air transport policies practiced through-

out the European Community.

But those days appear numbered. Under a plan to liberalize air travel being debated on Thursday by EC transport ministers, airlines throughout the Community would be able to offer limited service within another country beginning next January.

The concept is known in the industry as cabotage, meaning the right to pick up passengers in another country and fly them to a second point within that other nation.

The Community's highly protected national airlines have traditionally viewed the concept as akin to sabotage, and have fiercely resisted it.

But EC governments now are expected to go along with the liberalization measure as part of the Community's post-1992 single market. The EC transport commissioner, Karel Van

Miert, said: "I think there will be a decision by transport ministers in June that we will make a start, and have a transitional period in which 'consecutive cabotage' will be allowed." Giving an example of consecutive cahotage, he

said: "British Airways could fly from London to Paris, pick up passengers in Paris, and then continue on to Nice or Marseille. But what is not in the

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# Liberal Democrats May Hold Trump Card in British Vote

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

COLCHESTER, England — When Paddy Ashdown and his double-decker campaign bus rolled into this redoubt of British Conservatism, he was exploring fertile territory: The recession has cut deeply into the prosperous towns of Essex and eastern England, and a lot of staunch Tories wonder if it might be time for a change after 12 years of Conservative rule.

But as the leader of the centrist Liberal Democrats, the third force in an election landscape dominated by the larger Conservative and Labor Parties, Mr. Ashdown's effort to position himself and his party as the moderate alternative in oext month's national election

keeps bumping into a nagging skepticism.
"I like him, yes, I do," said Keith Mitchell, a longtime Conservative backer who runs a shop selling sewing machines.

He says that the recession has cut deeply into his business, and he agreed to join a panel of other businessmen for coffee and conversation with Mr.

"But the question is, if I do vote Liberal Democrat, am I wasting my ballot?" he said. "They can't form a

In most public opinion polls, fewer than one in five British voters say they will cast a ballot on April 9 for the Liberal Democrats, a party that currently holds only 22 of 651 seats in the House of Commons.

But with Britain mired in its longest and deepest economic depression since World War II, and polls showing voters less than enthusiastic about either the Conservative or Labor choices, Mr. Ashdown and his party's strategists hope to lure undecided voters to the Liberal Democrars as the common sense option, "the non-Socialist alternative to Conservatism. Whatever his party's fortunes oext month, no one

out of an alliance of the Liberal Party and Social Democrats - are going to break out of their third

believes that the Liberal Democrats —formed in 1988

There is enough uncertainty among voters, aides concede, that it is possible the party could end up with anything from a net gain of 10 seats to a oet loss of

But the party's best chance may come in the weeks after the election, in the event that neither Labor or the Conservatives come out of the contest with a clear advantage in Parliament, an outcome suggested by

In a deadlocked Parliament, Mr. Ashdown's party would almost certainly hold the trump card, since

Democrats to join them in forming a coalition "If you could each make one law to help your business

In an attempt to lure disaffected voters in several key Conservative districts, the Liberal Democrats have adopted a broad program centered on a commitment to private enterprise, environmental protection and European integration, as well as slight increase in income tax on behalf of education.

More than his rivals, Neil Kinnock of Labor and Prime Minister John Major, Mr. Ashdown carries his party's campaign into the streets and shopping malis, initiating small earnest dialogues staged, admittedly, for television cameras, but also revealing a willingness

Sitting in the public square in Colchester, he turned to a group of local businessman, asking each in turn,

# neither side could rule without inviting the Liberal Tories Spar With Kinnock Over TV Ad

LONDON - Conservative and Labor Party opponents traded accusations Wednesday of lying and Nazi-style propaganda.

At issue was a television commercial run by Labor in the campaign for Britain's April 9 clection. The ad depicted a schoolgirl waiting in agony for 11 months for an ear operation at a state hospital, while another girl whose parents could afford private surgery was quickly cured. In the film, the Labor Party's leader, Neil Kinnock, accuses the Conservatives of starving hospitals of cash during their 13 years in power.

But the mother of the child on whom the commercial was said to have been based told BBC

SPLENDID ISOLATION - Empty chairs surrounding a delegate from Monaco on Wednesday, the second day of a meeting in

Helsinki of foreign ministers of the Conference on Security and Disarmament in Europe. Many delegations had already departed.

A Dutch government plan for Center for Foreigners said the

The court awarded the immate,

who is serving a life sentence for

murder, "a certain sum" for legal

costs and expenses. The prisoner was oot identified.

compulsory identity cards is

drawing strong criticism from politicians and ethnic groups, and reviving memories of World

The cabinet approved a draft law last week that would compel

residents to carry identity cards

at work, on public transporta-

tion, at soccer matches and when

claiming social benefits. The

measure is meant to help authori-

ties foil illegal employment, wel-

fare fraud, tax evasion, soccer

hooliganism and fare dodging on

trains, buses and streetcars. But it

would also permit the police to

check on illegal immigrants, be-lieved to be in the tens of thou-

sands in the nation of 15 million.

Compulsory identification is a

**Dutch Cabinet Plans** 

The European Court of Hu-

War II.

prisoner," the court said in a World War II. The Nazis used spokesman for France Telecom statement.

deport Jews from the Nether-

lands, over 100,000 of whom were

Although the government co-

alition is made up of Socialists

and Christian Democrats, the So-

cards would give police "an ideal

excuse for harassment" of for-

The government wants to es-

Fax users across Europe are

receiving invoices that look like

regular phone bills from local telephone companies. But they are sophisticated junk mail offer-

ing insertions in unidentified fax

directories. A typical bill received

in France recently, requesting payment of 3,895 French francs (\$687), closely resembled a phone bill from France Telecom, the na-

tional telephone company. But it was mailed in Austria, and the

**Around Europe** 

radio that it was "not a factual account" of her daughter's case. She said the girl was put on the wrong waiting list by mistake, and this, rather than a shortage of cash, delayed her ear operation. The girl's father disagreed and backed Labor.

Criticizing the ad, Health Secretary William Waldegrave said Labor techniques "would not have been out of place in prewar Germany." He added, "If any party ever came to power in this country by this kind of travesty it would be a very sad day for democracy."

Mr. Waldegrave was branded a liar in the Daily Mirror, which supports Labor. This was over his denial of Labor allegations that two children died because the National Health Service could not afford to care for them.

work better, what would it be?"

In fact, Jeremy John Durham Ashdown, a lean, 51year-old former Royal Marine commando, diplomat and businessman whom everyone calls Paddy, is not running in Colchester.

The only people who will vote for him are his constituents in Yeovil, a rural seat in south England that first sent him to Parliament in 1983. Bot as a national figure, Mr. Ashdown's own stand-ing in the polls rocketed in recent weeks, after he was

forced to disclose that he had an extramarital affair several years ago with his former secretary.

Mr. Ashdown credited the positive public response to the good faith and decency of the British people; cynics said it only proved the old rule that any publicity was good publicity, particularly for the lesser known leader of the third party.

With the prospect of a hung Parliament, Mr. Ash-down has outlined his price for any postelection deal:

He says he wants nothing less than constitutional change that would allot seats in Parliament by proportional representation.

This means that if the Liberal Democrats get 22 percent of the vote nationwide, as the old Liberal-Social Democrats Alliance did in 1987, they would get that same percentage of seats in Parliament Currently, local elections for Parliament are decid-

ed on a winner-take-all basis. The Conservatives say they have already ruled out any deal on proportional representation, suggesting the more likely alliance might be between the Liberal

In the last year, the Liberal Democrats have done well, gaining more than S00 seats in local government councils and winning three special Parliament

# **Stricken Reactor** Cooling in Russia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches tive gas the previous day.

plant as saying the day had passed cow Radio reported. quietly and the reactor was cooling. A Russian Nuclear Power Minis-

Sosnovy Bor, 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of St. Petersburg, was classified as "level two" on the seven-point International Atomic En- radiation. ergy Agency scale, Moscow Radio said. The 1986 Chemobyl disaster rated seven on the scale,

The ministry earlier called the leak a "third-class incident." A level-two incident indicates technical problems that do not immediately affect plant safety but require safety improvements. Work was under way Wednes-

day to replace a defective tube that triggered the leak in the hall of the plant's third reactor, the radio said. Workers said the repairs would

take about four days.

The independent Interfax news agency said that the third reactor was oot operating and that tests' were being run on the fuel line to

The ministry statement said that oormal Wednesday following the inert radioactive gases, 131 percent to 200 percent of the permissible level for radioactive iodine and up Moscow Radio quoted the chief to 50 percent of the permissible duty officer of the 12-year-old level for short-lived isotopes, Mos-

In Helsinki, officials said that sium had been found at Lovisa, a

A similar discovery was made early Wednesday in the post of Kotka, oear the Russian border, the Finnish center for radiation security said. It said that radiation levels in Finland did oot present a

discover the cause of the accident trolled departure" of experts due to

The Associated Press

PARIS - Prime Minister Edith Cresson said Wednesday that the Socialist government would be shuffled shortly and hinted that her

has been speculation since that the government would be revamped

The conservative Unioo for France won 33 percent of the vote in Sunday's elections, but it also lost ground, while small parties

Asked about increasing speculation concerning her own early departure, Mrs. Cressoo replied: "One day there will be a change in prime ministers. What day? I can't tell you that either."

Mrs. Cresson, who was appointed in May, has been one of the

most unpopular premiers in recent times with an approval rating hovering at 20 percent.

# Democrats and Labor.

MOSCOW - Radiation levels radioactive emissions over the at a ouclear reactor near St. Peters-burg were reported to be back to cent of the permissible level for

Still, school officials ordered kindergartens to keep children indoors try report said that the incident at on Wednesday and advised parents to put regular iodine in their children's milk and to give them cotton

masks to limit their exposure to any traces of radioactive iodine and ce-

Finnish port 140 kilometers west of the Russian nuclear plant.

health risk.

In Moscow, Sergei Shoigu, chair-man of the State Committee for Civil Defense and Emergencies; expressed alarm at shortages of spare parts for nuclear power stations and said that one the most worrying problems was the "uncon-Plant workers were not exposed to the breakup of the Soviet Union. excessive radiation, it said. (AP, AFP, Renders. (AP, AFP, Reuters)

# French Cabinet Shift Due

A Socialist deputy. Jean-Marc Ayrault of Nantes, joining a grow-

to halt the slide before legislative elections next year.

ing chorus of party members seeking changes, calling on President François Mitterrand to "change premiers and governments."

own term could end prematurely, but she did not say when.

There will be changes in the government," Mrs. Cresson said in a broadcast interview. "To what extent? That I can't tell you today."

In regional elections on Sunday, the Socialists received only 18.3 percent of the vote, their worst showing at the polls in 23 years. There

#### "Suitable guarantees prevent-ing the reading of the letter should be provided, e.g. opening sensitive issue in the Netherlands, return address was a post office Sytske Looiien the letter in the presence of the where it evokes memories of box in Eschen Liechtenstein, A Across Africa, Calls for Self-Determination Grow Louder

By Keith B. Richburg

EUROPEAN

**TOPICS** 

**Human-Rights Court** 

Rules Against Britain

that Britain had violated the ho-

man rights of a prisoner by inter-

cepting and reading his corre-spondence with his lawyers.

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and their Iswyers can be opened

and read to prevent disorder or

Opened, yes, but read, oo,

ruled the Strasbourg-based court,

which represents the 26 member states of the Council of Europe. It

said that prison authorities could open mail "wheo they have rea-

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tains an illicit enclosure," but

that they should not, in any but

exceptional circumstances, be al-

lowed to read it.

Uoder Britain's prison rules,

Washington Post Service
ZANZIBAR — Each day, a sleek hydrofoil makes the 11/2-hour run between this Indian Ocean island and the capital city of Dar es Salaam on the Tanzanian mainland. But on arriving at Zanzibar's port, travelers are directed to present their passports to an immigra-

isn't this unnecessary, since Zanzibar and Tanzania are the same country? "One country," the smiling immigration officer corrected, "but two

governments."

More than at any other time since 1964, when this spice-producing island joined with what was then Tanganyika to form the Unioo of Tanzania, Zanzibar's sense of separateness is running strong, ft is fueled by economic worries and a feeling that the island's cultural identity, largely Muslim and Arabic-influenced, will slowly be swallowed as long as it remains unified with the mainland.

Separatist sentiment is growing more vocal across Africa these days. It has different forms and various local dynamics, but the emerging pattern is similar. As dictators fall and one-party states make room for political competition, ethnic, linguistic and geographic groups are asserting their right to self-determination. • In Ethiopia, ethnic Oromos and Afars are separately battling the central government in Addis Aha-

ba. Already Ethiopia's breakaway province of Eritrea is self-governing in all but name. • The northern portion of Somalia has declared itself the independent Somaliland Republic and is

seeking international recognition. A long-running civil war in Sudan pitting black Christians and animists in the south against the Arab-Muslim oorth assumed the character of a full-fledged

war of secession. • A loog-delayed referendum is scheduled to determine whether Western Sahara can formally break

from Morocco and become independent. The growing assertiveness of ethnic and geographic groups - and the oew willingness of African governmenis to tolerate them - are exposing the artificial nature of many modern-day African states, and of government slogans touting national unity.

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"There was an enforced unifying process through the one-party system that is bringing about this disin-tegration," said Wolfgang Dourado, a former Zanzi-bar attorney general and union critic. "If they had gone to multipartyism before, Somalia could have been saved. Sudan could have been saved. They are now paying the price of ooe-party dictatorship. They tried to force disparate people into unions without

accommodating minority rights."

And as in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet
Union, according to a host of African analysts, foreign

The shift of many African countries to pluralism has made the alteration of borders more palatable.

academics and diplomats, Africa may face profound

changes in its borders in the coming decade. The map of Africa, drawn along the lines of colonial boundaries, "is going to come under increasing stress and strain," said Peter Lyon of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in London. "We're at the end of a 100-year-old cycle that started with the Conference of Berlin in 1884, when the colonial powers drew up the

As African states gained independence, they agreed to accept the established colonial borders to avoid territorial disputes and potential chaos. The principle that colonial borders were inviolable is a guiding tenet of the Organization of African Unity, and Africa as a whole has always been deaf to previous claims of selfdetermination by ethnic groups.

The primary reason was fear. If one group's claim was recognized, Africa might disintegrate into countless ethnic, linguistic and geographic groupings all demanding separate states.

However, the breakup of the Soviet Union and the

shift of many African countries to pluralism have made alteration of borders more palatable.

The global trend toward oadonalism and ethnic groups' demands for autonomy have emerged with another, seemingly contradictory trend — that of states voluntarily joining to form stronger regional economic groupings, such as the 12-nation European (Computer Separation). Community or the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement. But various analysts say these two

such bills for the last four years.

They come in waves," he said,

"and the return addresses often change." Similar "bills" have

turned up in Germany, Britain, Belgium and Denmark, prompt-

More than two years after the

Berlin Wall came down, Eastern

Germans, long deprived of fresh fruit from abroad, are still de-

vouring ocarly twice as many ba-

nanas, oranges and tangerines as

West Germans, according to the

German Federal Statistics Office

in Wiesbaden. It said the average

Eastern family of four ate 6 kilograms (13.2 pounds) of bananas

per month last year, compared with 3.4 kilograms (7.4 pounds)

eaten by a Western German household of four. Bananas and

oranges were the first purchases

of many East Germans who streamed into West Berlin after

the wall came down on Nov. 9,

cialist parliamentary group op-poses the move, saying it would lead to excessive government warn customers against the of-

trends are not necessarily opposed.

Eritreans, Zanzibaris, oorthern Somalis and southern Sudanese are all agitating for their independence just as moves are getting under way to revive or strengthen regional economic groupings, such as the old East African Community.

A Western diplomat with long experience in Africa explained that regional common markets could help ensure the survival of a newly independent country. "For Zanzibar, independence would be suicidal if it only had to deal with Tanzania," he said. "But if there's some kind of East African economic coopera-

tion on a larger scale, then it makes sense." Perhaps for that reason, Zanzibar's staunchest opponents of the union with Tanzania are also strongly in favor of a revived East African Community with open trade, a common currency and other strong economic ties.

The first "new" country likely to emerge from Africa's changing map is Eritrea, still technically a province of Ethiopia but self-governing under the leadership of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. After the Ethiopian dictator, Mengistu Haile Mariam. fled in May, the Eritreans, who bad waged a 30-year guerrilla war for the right to secede, agreed to wait two years, until 1993, before holding a referendum on full

The referendum is considered only a formality, and the new Ethiopian government of President Meles Zenawi has made clear that, unlike its predecessor, it will oot wage another war to keep the breakaway province in the union. Instead, the Ethiopians are busy negotiating to guarantee access to Eritrea's port once the breakup is finalized.

Ethiopia also is trying to contend with the claims of its other nationalities, such as the Oromos and Afars, through an experiment unique to Africa, that divides the country by ethnic group, with each group voting widespread.

By voluntarily agreeing to separate, Ethiopia and Eritrea will be breaking a 30-year African taboo and could set a precedent for some of the continent's other independence-minded nationalities to follow. Perhaps aware of the historic nature of the Ethiopia-Eritrea decision, the Organization of African Unity is treating it with both skepticism and anxiety.
"Our wish is to see Eritrea remaining as it was," said

Mamadon Bah, director of the organization's political department at the group's secretariat office in Addis

For the Entreans, a key issue is the province's sense of separateness after having been administered as an Italian colony, and only incorporated into Ethiopia after World War II.

Similarly, the northern Somalis feel separate from the rest of Somalia because they were administered as a British colony. Even after independence, the southem Somalis, formerly ruled by Italy, perceived the northerners as having unfair advantages because of their knowledge of English and better access to

Zanzibar is a unique case, since the island was an independent country until forming a union with Tanganyika. Formerly a British protectorate under the sultan of Oman, Zanzibar became independent in late 1963. A few months later, however, the new government was overthrown in a leftist coup and replaced by a revolutionary council, which quickly moved to join

Critics of the union say the deal was made only to allow the mainland to station troops on the island to protect the revolutionary council from a counter-coup. But oow the primary concern fueling the secessionist sentiment on Zanzibar is economics, not politics. Zanzibar at the time of the union was relatively prosperous, but its living standards have declined with the collapse of world demand for one of the island's chief exports: cloves. Now unemployment is

# WORLD BRIEFS

# 6 Die in Day of Attacks in Turkey

ANKARA (Reuters) - Six people were killed and four were wounded

ANKARA (Reuters) — Six people were killed and four were wounded, on Wednesday in attacks in Turkey, where about 70 people have died in violence involving Kurdish rebels since Friday.

Guerrillas of the Kurdish Workers Party killed two village guards and a civilian after stopping their car near the village of Orhankaya in the contheastern province of Diyarbakir, the Anatolism News Agency said:

Officials said a Kurdish rebel had been killed in a clash with village guards in the southeastern province of Mardin. Two policemen were guards in the southeastern province of Mardin. Two policemen were killed and four wounded in hit-and-run attacks in Ankara and the

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the Ankara and Adana shootings. They followed weekend violence that marred Kurdish celebrations of a spring festival in the southeast of the country.

# 7 More Killed in Serb-Croat Fighting

BELGRADE (Reuters) — Seven people were killed on the border between Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina as Serbs and Croats ignored a United Nations appeal for an end to the the year's worst clashes in

Serbian forces and the Yugoslav Army shelled the northern Bosnian town of Bosanski Brod overnight, killing two Muslim fighters, officials in the largely Croat-populated town said; the army said that two Serbs were killed in the action. Policemen in Slavonski Brod, on the opposite side of the Sava River in Croatia, said Serbian forces killed three civilians in a

The death toll is 28 since Sunday, as advance members of a 14,000-member United Nations peacekeeping contingent fanned out in Croatia to divide warring Serbs and Croats.

### Rights Group Cites India Brutality

LONDON (AP) — Amnesty International said Wednesday that tor-ture and death in police custody are "pervasive and a daily routine" in India's 25 states. A report by the human-rights group listed 415 documented cases of in-custody death following alleged torture since 1985, and said policemen were convicted in three of those cases.

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"sweeping generalizations." The 195-page study says torture has persisted largely because the government has refused to acknowledge its

"The government maintains this position despite the fact that judges, journalists, expert commentators, police officers themselves, and official commissions have attested to its widespread occurrence," the report said. The police feel themselves to be immune — they are fully aware that they will not be held accountable."

#### Corrections

The Media Markets column in the Business/Finance section of the Wednesday editions incorrectly stated the Far Eastern Economic Review's circulation figures for Asia. The magazine says overall average andited circulation for all of Asia now stands at 51,278, up from 48,850 in 1987. The figures cited in the column were for the six Asean countries.

plus Taiwan and Hong Kong.

An article in the Wednesday editions about European Community. cutbacks in the sulfur content of diesel and heating oil incorrectly stated the content required by the Clean Air Act in the United States. It must be:

### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Nigeria to Increase Air Fares April 1

LAGOS (Renters) — Nigeria has authorized fare increases of at least 70 percent on domestic and international flights as of April 1 because of heightened costs faced by airlines operating in the country.

A round-trip Lagos-London ticket, for instance, will cost the equivalent of \$1,400. Although the new fare will still be less than for the corresponding ticket bought in London, the changes will bring Nigerian prices closer to those in other parts of the world:

Malaysia will increase airport landing charges and the airport tax on passengers starting April 15.

An outbreak of typhoid fever in the Dominican Republic that killed eight people in one town has spread to other regions of the country. (AP) About 1,500 cases of cholera in Ecuador were reported this week -50 percent above normal, the government said Tuesday.

Russian pilots decided to postpone a strike announced for Wednesday

but warned they would stop work on April 5 if their demands were not

met by then, Itar-Tass news agency said. The pilots want a new tariff agreement, salary increases and larger pensions for those who retired before 1992. France's major trade unions have called on Paris transportation workers to hold strikes on line A of the RER, the regional commuter express railway between the Paris suburbs of Saint-Germain-en-Laye and Mame-la-Vallée. The work stoppages, planned for March 30, 31 and April 12, are intended to protest the extension of the line to Chessy,

offering a direct link between Paris and the Euro Disneyland theme park, 30 kilometers (20 miles) east of Paris. Unions officials said visitors to Euro Disacyland, which is scheduled to open on April 12, would increase the oumber of passengers on the line by 8 million a year. (IHT) China and Kazakhstan, the newly independent Central Asian republicare to build a \$25 million hotel in the Kazakh capital, Alma-Ata, it was reported Wednesday in Beijing. Construction is to be completed by the end of 1993, an official of China's state-run Xinjiang International

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By David S. Broder and Dan Balz

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WASHINGTON — Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas stumbled badly in his first test as the unofficially proclaimed Democratic presidential standard-bearer by losing to the former governor of California, Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., in the Connecticut primary.

The outcome on Tuesday — Mr. Clinton received a little more than a third of the total vote pointed to a protracted struggle for delegates and put added pres-sure on the Arkansas governor to win convincingly the next big test in New York on April 7.

Although the likelihood of Mr. Brown's seizing the presidential nomination remains small, he could force Mr. Clinton to battle all the way to the end of the pri-mary calendar on June 2 in California, Ohio and New Jersey. The California Poll published on Tuesday showed Mr. Brown and Mr. Clinton virtually tied in that

As for Connecticut, Democratic leaders noted that it has often been a maverick state and said the odds still overwhelmingly favored Mr. Clinton's nomination. Mr. Clinton holds an 8-10-1 lead

among convention delegates. Die-hard backers of former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts, who suspended cam-



H. Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire, expressing his views on the campaign at a taping of Phil Donahue's syndicated TV talk-show in New York on Tuesday. Mr. Perot has said that he will run for president as an independent if he can get on the ballot in all 50 states.

paigning after losses in Illinois and Michigan last week, turned out a surprisingly large vote for him in Connecticut.

With all precincts, reported, Mr. Brown had 37 percent of the vote, Mr. Clinton 36 percent, and Mr. Tsongas 20 percent.

"This is a cause, a movement, and it's picking up," Mr. Brown said in broadcast interviews on his conservative challenger, Patrick J. Buchanan, winning by 3 to

The Democratic national chair-On the Republican side, President Bush, who grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut, and attended leaders, played down the long-Yale University, received a big

friends-and-neighbors' vote over term significance of the Connecticut results.

"There's no question there was a big protest vote in Connecti-cut," he said, "but that is no surman, Ronald H. Brown, in a reaction echoed by many other party

Clinton continues to accumulate

### 18 Victims In N.Y. Crash Drowned

By Don Phillips

Washington Post Service NEW YORK — Eighteen of the 27 people killed in the crash of USAir Flight 405 on Sunday night drowned, the New York medical examiner said, raising the possibility that the passenger survival rate might have been much higher had the aircraft not tumbled into Flush-

ing Bay. Several of the dead were found strapped in their seats, upside down in the bay, which parallels the runway, according to investiga-

Twenty-four people survived the crash, including John J. Rachuba,

Meanwhile, investigators of the National Transportation Safety Board continued to sift the wreckage of the Fokker F-28 4000, which was moved to a hangar at La Guar-

The board is looking at several factors in the accident, including the possibility that a thin sheet of ice coated the wings as the plane awaited takeoff.

Although it is too early in the investigation to declare icing a cause of the crash, wet snow that evening was conducive to icing and the plane was doused with decicing solution twice before leaving the

Other possible causes, such as flaps set improperly or engine trou-ble, appeared to fade.

# **New York City Reports Modest Drop in Crime**

By George James New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Reported crime in New York City fell modestly last year in every major category, according to the Police Department. It was the first such across-the-board decline in 36 years. The total number of crimes reported to the police, based on crime figures provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dropped for a third year in a row, from 710,221 in 1990 to 678.855 in 1991, a

decrease of 4.4 percent. Total crimes fell 0.3 percent in 1990 and 0.8 percent in 1989. Decreases in total felonies were registered in 54 of 75 precincts, while there was no change in 2 precincts.

Police Commissioner Lee P. Brown said Tuesday that he felt that the shift could be attributed to an increased police presence in the streets and the taking hold of his community policing strategy.

Thomas A. Reppetto, president of the Citizens Crime Commis sion, an independent agency monitoring crime, said it was difficult to assign a specific cause for the decrease.

"Can we link changes in police strength and operational methods to a decline in crime?" he said. "I think they should not be dismissed

as explanatory factors."

Homicide, which surged 17.8 percent from 1989 to 1990, dropped 4.1 percent in 1991, from 2,245 in 1990, when the deaths of 87 people in the Happy Land Social Club fire in the Bronx pushed the total to a record number, to 2.154. If the Happy Land deaths were eliminated, bomicide figures in 1990 and 1991 would be about even and the decrease statistically insignificant.

Robberies, considered a barometer of violent street crime, fell 1.8 percent; aggravated assault dropped 3.0 percent, and rape declined 7.5 percent. Burglaries fell 6.6 percent, larceny theft 4.5 percent and

motor vehicle theft 4.9 percent. The figures run counter to a national trend. While other cities with a population of a million or more are showing half the percentage decrease in total crimes that New York reported, they are showing a

4.0 percent increase in violent crime. Deputy Chief Michael A. Markman, commanding officer of the

Office of Management Analysis and Planning, which prepared the report, said 73 percent of homicides last year involved the use of bandguns, compared with 69 percent in 1990.

### Rudman, Fed Up, A Battle Shapes Up as Nunn Calls for \$85 Billion in U.S. Military Cuts Will Not Seek Will Not Seek

3d Senate Term Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Warren B. Rudman, an outspoken and influential senator, will not seek a third term this fall because he is frustrated by paralysis in government and his own powerlessness to do anything about it.

"Frankly, if I thought I could make a difference, I would have stayed, but I don't," said the New Hampshire Republican, whom many colleagues say has had more of an impact than senators who have served far longer.

Mr. Rudman, a 61-year-old law-yer, on Tuesday cited the stalemate over curbing budget deficits as his chief source of frustration, and warned that the huge national debt could undermine the security of the country in a few years.

"I will miss the people, not the frustration," Mr. Rudman said, reflecting concern among lawmakers about governmental gridlock.

Patrick J. Leshy, Democrat of Vermont, said that many senators share Mr. Rudman's frestrations and are considering quitting for the same reasons.

We have been so polarized by single-issue groups, special-interest groups, lobbyists and the rest," he said, "that it's not easy to get to-gether and solve anything any-

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Senator able, it would be a mistake to speed

and defense industry workers, Mr.

Nunn also said it was essential to

fund job training and economic as-

sistance for those displaced by the

reductions. The Bush administra-

By contrast, the House has en-

dorsed Mr. Aspin's plan for a \$12 billion to \$15 billion cut next year.

suggesting that the House and Sen-

ate could still be some distance

apart on the size of next year's

military budget.

In his five-year proposal, Mr.

Nunn called for reducing the number of moops stationed in Europe
to "well below" the 150,000 in the

Last U.S. Jets Leave Torrejón

The Associated Press

- The final four F-16 fighter bombers of the U.S. Air Force's

401st Tactical Fighter Wing have

left this air base, ending nearly four decades of American presence.

TORREJON AIR BASE, Spain

tion has opposed such aid.

Sam Nunn, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which already are playing havoc proposes to cut the military budget with military personnel. by up to \$85 billion over five years. For that reason, Mr. Nunn said, saying the United States could he would oppose large cuts in the safely defend itself with a smaller 1993 military budget beyond the military than currently envisioned \$7.5 billion in the president's proby the Bush administration.

Mr. Num's proposal, in a letter to the Senate Budget Committee, would reduce the military by \$30 billion to \$35 billion more than the \$50 billion in military cuts offered by President George Bush in his State of the Union address in Janu-

Mr. Nunn, a Democrat of Georgia, is one of the most influential lawmakers on defense policy. Although his letter concentrated

on budget savings and did not pre-sent a specific plan, the long-await-ed proposal almost certainly will en substantial modifications to the Pentagon's plans for a post-Cold War "base force" of 1.6 million uniformed personnel:

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Les Aspin, Democrat of Wisconsin, has billion over five years.

"If present world trends continsavings beyond those proposed by inistration," Mr. Nunn wrote in calling for a "fresh look" at the Pentagon's base force plan.

military could realize additional deeper." savings by climinating "redundan-Citing widespread "turmoil and concern" among military members

Mr. Nunn suggested that the of military cuts, "This deep and no

The Pentagon already is well on cy and duplication" in different its way to reducing the size of the military branches. He has recently armed forces by 25 percent by the questioned military officials, for middle of this decade, and military example, on why the navy, army officials warn that further cuts and air force each maintain separate legal corps, chaplains corps paredness and ability to respond to

Defense Secretary Dick Chency had not seen Mr. Nunn's proposal

and therefore had no comment. Mr. Williams said, bowever, "we are generally gratified at Senator Nunn's analysis" that the president is "taking the force down at the

night pace. While Mr. Num said the pace of

He cautioned, however, that administration's plan and scaling and the like. His proposal appears while additional cuts were desirable, it would be a mistake to speed up the pace of the reductions, for military aircraft.

administration's plan and scaling and the like. His proposal appears to set Congress on a collision lrad's invasion of Kuwait.

A Pentagon spokesman, Pete claimed in announcing his package Williams, said Tuesday night that the one the administration bas proposed.

"I think the base force will have to be re-examined and re-examined very closely," he said in an interview Tuesday. There are going to have to be some tradeoffs. You can't have this size base force and the same Cold War operating tem-

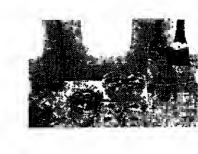
the Pentagon's plans to maintain a large number of troops ready to go into battle at any time are unneces sary since "a lot of our forces can't." be shipped in 60 to 90 days any-

A House Armed Services Committee aide said Mr. Nunn's proposal all but guarantees substantial changes to the administration's, plan, "It's pretty clear that the base force is a goner," the aide said.

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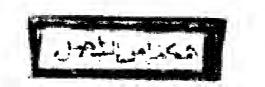
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# **South Korea Voters Turn Ballot Into** A Surgical Strike

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service
SEOUL — For years, elections in this insecure society were an occasion for South Koreans to dramatize their fears, whether it was fear of oppression, fear of disorder or merely fear of losing power. Tuesday's elections to the National Assembly may have marked the start of a new stage in South Ko-

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rea's political evolution, not because the politicians had changed, but because the electorate had. It spoke with a new-found confi-

The voters appeared to stand up and say that they had had enough of the endless internal squabbling that has defined party politics, and that they wanted the government to become a partner in running the economy, rather than a stern over-

seer, intruding as it saw fit.

There was, indeed, something of the feel of a surgical strike to the results of the balloting. Clearly, voters had used their ballots, with

some care, as a weapon of protest. They denied the governing Democratic Liberal Party a majority in the national legislature, but just barely. They installed as a third force in the Assembly a new, conservative opposition party that em-phasized pocketbook issues, like inflation, but did not put it in a position to wrest power. About a fourth of the representatives the voters put in the Assembly are

And, perhaps most important, the electorate managed to undermine several of the older politicians who have been fixtures for decades. That may transform the presidential race later this year into a testing ground for the next generation of

Tuesday's contest was, in short, a show of calculated impatience by the voters. The results, a number of political experts commented, appeared to demonstrate that the people have evolved faster and further than their leaders, in both the

opposition and ruling parties. The kind of appeal those leaders once had is increasingly becom-ing obsolete," said Yang Sung Chul, a professor of political science at Kyunghee University. "They are looking like anachro-nisms. A new leadership has toemerge. That was the message, I think. It's a whole new ball game

Even what at first looked like the suspicious — it was the first banditry reported at the positive side of the vote — the camp in five years and the so-called bandits asked for decided to ignore terms of the UN-brokered peace

party, founded by a leading indus-trialist — was interpreted by most experts here as a cautious expres-sion of a desire for change rather than a ringing endorsement of the untested group. The Unification National Party was set up just two months ago by Chung Ju Yung founder of the Hyundai conglomerate, a group known in Korean as

Some analysts welcomed Mr. Chung's success as a new check on the power of the military and the old-line politicians. They also saw it as part of a process of putting business experts, rather than those with a background in the military or politics, in charge of economic pohcymaking.

The next test of how much change this new political wind will bring is the presidential election, expected in November or December. Nowhere was the electorate defter in expressing its will than in how it treated some of the expected

Potentially one of the biggest casualties of the election was Kim Young Sam, a top figure in the ruling party. He gave up a lifetime in the opposition two years ago when he agreed to merge his party with President Roh Tae Woo's. It was widely rumored that he had risked his dissident credentials and credibility because he had received a promise that he would be the party's next candidate once Mr. Roh's five-year term runs out. Many now expect Mr. Kim, who helped plot the party's campaign strategy, to be blamed for its loss of

New York Times Service

nearly 370,000 Cambodian refugees are scheduled to return home from border camps in Thailand, refugee

workers warned Wednesday that Khmer Rouge guer-rillas were trying to undermine the massive United

The warning came after two serious incidents in recent days in Thai border camps under the control of

the Khmer Rouge. The group is held responsible for

the deaths of more than one million Cambodians in

In the most recent incident, two people were killed

late Monday night at the camp known as Site 8, during

what the Khmer Rouge described as an attack by

Foreign relief officials describe the attack as highly

Nations-sponsored repatriation program.

BANGKOK - Less than a week before the first of



Salman Rushdie meeting the press Wednesday. Behind him, from left, were Senators Leahy, Lugar, Moynihan and Wofford.

# Rushdie Visits U.S. Senate for Lunch and Help

nim for what it considers blasphemy.

Mr. Rushdie's visit was cloaked in secrecy until shortly before he had lunch with a group of senators. He arrived unannounced in

ing him. The State Department spokes-woman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said that such

a meeting might he "misinterpreted." Mr. Rushdie, 44, an Indian-born British citizen, had a \$1 million bounty put on his head three years ago by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran for hlaspheming the prophet Mohammed in his novel "The Satanic Venes"

He has spent most of that time in hiding and under guard. Senate security was stepped up for the lunch, at which two Democratic senators, Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, were

"Being here is itself an achievement," Mr. Rushdie said afterward. "I'm a oovelist. I'm not a professional at answering political questions. I need all the help I can get. And the people standing around me represent very powerful help. In that sense it has to be a productive day."

Mr. Rushdie said he hoped his Senate

meeting would "make a difference" in his campaign to bring pressure on Iran.

He said that after the release of the Western hostages in the Middle East, there was no reason to soft-pedal his campaign.

# Census of Nigerians Ducks Hard Issues Population of 88.5 Million **Believed an Underestimation**

By Kenneth B. Noble New York Times Service

LAGOS - After months of weighing the heavy political risks involved, Nigeria has released its ceasus findings, publishing figures about the country's overall population, but very little else.

The head count released March 19, the most thorough in the nation's history, put the population at 88.5 million. Although this confirmed Nigeria as Africa's most populous country, the figure was far below the widely held belief that there were more than 110 million Nigerians.

When for three days in November, Nigeria closed its borders, shut down shops and factories and ordered tens of millions of people to stay at home in what officials hoped would be the first reliable statistical portrait of the country, the census takers did not even ask many of the questions that Nigeri-

ans are most eager to know.

Mindful of the political turbulence and ethnic rivalry, the questioners avoided asking about reli-gious affiliations, tribal allegiances or linguistic groupings.

The decision to keep the census superficial to avoid antagonizing any ethnic or religious group against another was based on past experience.

Three times - in 1962, 1963 and 1973 - Nigeria has undertaken a national census, and each time the results were greeted with loud and angry accusations of fraud, usually by people who felt that their groups

were being underreported in efforts to shortchange their political repre-

On the first two occasions, the mostly Christian and animist western and eastern regions, in particular, accused their countrymen in the mostly Muslim north of grossly

inflating their figures. The final counts were eventually changed by politicians to conform to their ootions of equity. The 1973 census was simply nullified by the government on the ground that the results in many areas appeared so incredible as to doubtlessly be ficti-

Moreover, during the 1973 census, there were widespread reports that census takers had been beaten or even kidnapped on their rounds, that villagers had fled to the bush as enumerators approached, that town dwellers had rushed to their native villages to be counted there and that enumerators had taken bribes to swell the total.

The regional rivalries are inter-twined with longstanding ethnic and religious antagonisms. In most of northern Nigeria, Islam is the dominant religion, crossing ethnic and linguistic affinities.

But across much of the south, from the eastern Ibo region to the preserve of the Yoruba around big cities like Lagos and Ibadan, Christianity is dominant and Islam has often been regarded with suspicion and as a threat to secular govern-

Since then, it has become normal practice to make "guesstimates" of Nigeria's population. The UN Population Division estimated that the population was 95.7 million in mid-1985, growing at 3.4 percent a year, and that it had reached 105 million by mid-1988. The World Bank came up with a mid-1988 estimate of 110 million.

By comparison, the Nigerian government's estimate of the 1987 midyear population was 112.3 mil-

Nigeria's military leader, General Ibrahim Babangida, is a Muslim, but he has taken pains to assure that military and government posts are about evenly divided between Christians and Muslims,

But among some Christians, the perception persists that the govern-ment favors the oorthern Islamic groups. The leaders of a failed April 1990 coup justified their ac-tion on the basis of favoritism toward the oorth.

WASHINGTON - The author Salman Rushdie met with members of the Senate on Wednesday and appealed for pressure against Iran to lift its death sentence against

Washington earlier this week.

No Bush administration officials are meet-

Khmer Ronge was actually behind the incident, hoping to intimidate refugees who hope to return to

In the other incident, two civilian leaders of another

camp under Khmer Rouge control, Site K, were de-

tained in Cambodia after they were reportedly ac-

cused of working too closely with the United Nations

and of being too supportive of the UN repatriation

Daniel E. Conway, the representative in Thailand of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

said the detention of the two officials last week had

created "a climate of concern or fear — fear is proba-bly a fair word" among the nearly 11,000 refugees at

comments that seemed to reflect a growing belief

"This is a matter of great concern to us," he said in

Cambodia with UN protection.

Cambodia Refugee Officials Fear Khmer Rouge Intimidation

The peace treaty, signed by the Khmer Rouge and three other guerrilla factions, was designed to end nearly 13 years of civil war.

On Monday, the United Nations is expected to begin the repatriation of the refugees from Thailand. The group on Monday will number about 670, and they are to be followed over the next year by hundreds of thousands of other Cambodians who fled to the Thai border seeking refuge from the civil war and from the Klumer Rouge.

Under the peace treaty, refugees on the Thai border are supposed to have the freedom to settle where they choose in their homeland and, if they wish, to return to Cambodia with the protection of the United Nations.

However, there has long been concern that the Kinner Rouge would break the rules and force the oearly 75,000 refugees in camps it administers in

their victims by name. The officials say they fear the Khmer Ronge was actually behind the incident, hopthe refugees in Thailand.

Thailand to go to areas of Cambodia under its control.
There, it is thought, the returning refugees could be There, it is thought, the returning refugees could be intimidated into voting for Khmer Rouge candidates

in next year's general election.

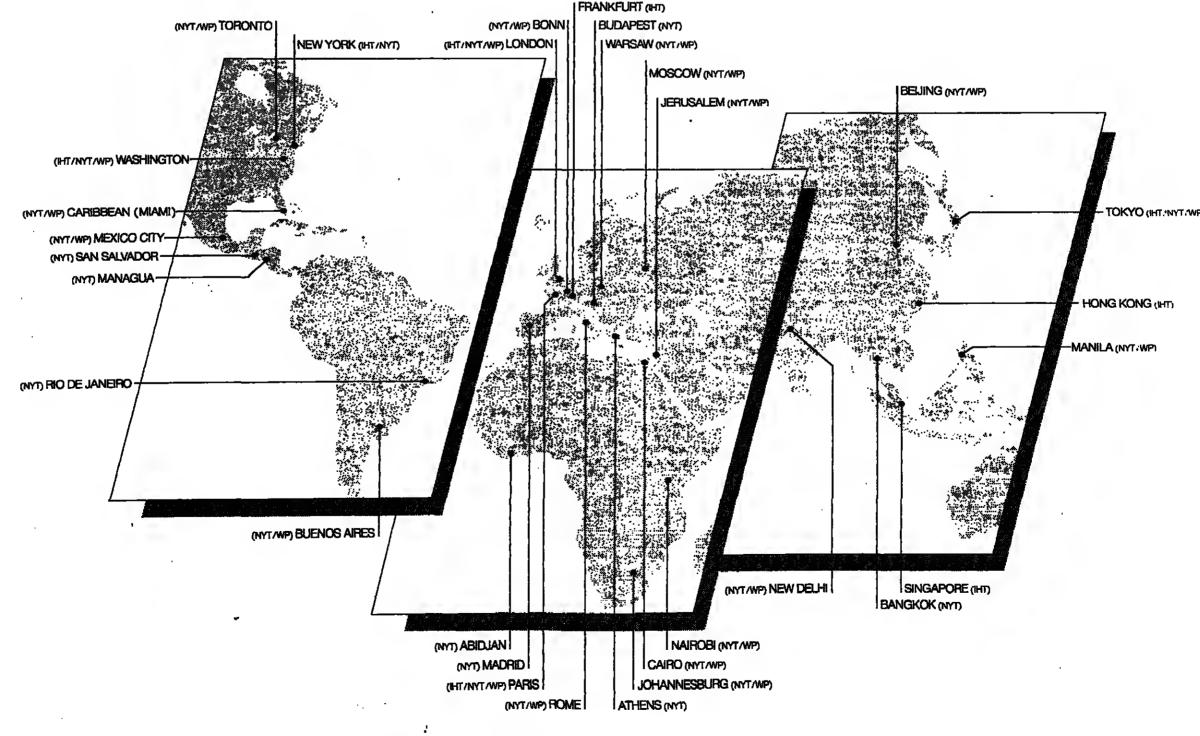
That is why the United Nations and refugee organizations reacted so quickly and so sharply to word that the Khmer Rouge had detained the two civilian leaders at Site K on Friday.

According to Mr. Conway's account, the two administrators were invited by the Khmer Rouge to a meeting inside Cambodia and did not return; Khmer Rouge officials then contacted the two men's families at the camp and told them to prepare to return home to Cambodia immediately; the families refused and requested protection from the United Nations.

Mr. Conway said the families had been granted special protection, and that the two administrators had reportedly been detained because "they had become too close" to UN officials on the border

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AMSTERDAM — Amsterdam residents voted Wednesday to halt the onslaught of automotive traffic against their fragile and crowded 17th-century canal city.

A nonbinding proposal to impose drastic restrictions on motor vehicles in the city center captured 52.9 percent of the vote as counting continued. It was the first time a major European city referendum had ever been called on any issue.

After the vote, Mayor Ed van Thijn announced plans to improve public transportation and cut back parking facilities "step by step."

# Human-Rights Abuses: Savimbi Blames Aide

By David B. Ottaway

JOHANNESBURG — The "United States burked Augusta re-bel leader Jonas Savimbi has con-"firmed reports that serious humanrights abuses have been taking place inside his movement for years, blaming them on a senior guerrilla commander and official who has just defected.

The abuses included what is described as the unaccountable disappearance and presumed execution of Tito Chingunji, the chief repre-sentative of Mr. Savimbi's Nation-"al Union for the Total Independence of Angola, or UNITA, in Washington in the mid-1980s.

The movement's admission and the defection of two of Mr. Savimbi's closest collaborators appear to "have badly shaken UNITA, posing serious questions for its continued unity and possibly for American assistance as well.

Mr. Chingunji, who was highly popular with many U.S. senators and congressmen, was stationed in Washington in 1986 when the Reagan administration decided to send arms, including sophisticated Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, to

UNITA to help it in its struggle against the then-Marxist Angolan

Covert U.S. aid Language UNITA create a military stalemate that eventually forced the Angolan government to accept UN-supervised elections scheduled for September. UNITA's office in Washington issued a statement on Tuesday apparently aimed at deflecting ad-

Quoting Portuguese press re-ports, it said Western intelligence sources had just uncovered and aborted an Angolan government plot to assassinate Mr. Savimbi on March 8 in Luanda. It linked the alleged plot to the defection of the two senior UNITA officials.

verse publicity over the organiza-

tion's buman rights record.

But the chief representative of the movement in Washington, Jardo Muekalia, also said that UN-ITA had to take responsibility for the human rights abuses,

It is believed that Mr. Chingunji, whose most recent post was deputy secretary-general, was executed late last summer or early fall on suspicion of leading a dissident faction challenging Mr. Savimbi's

team on the civil nature and functions of Al Atheer, the IAEA remains convinced that the technical .core of this facility was designed for special processes needed for nuclear weapons development and

manufacturing Maurizio Zifferero, in charge of agency efforts to eliminate Iraq's nucleus arms capability at Security Council request, presented the Ira-qis with a detailed list of buildings ed equipment to be destroyed.

**IRAQ:** 

UN's Major Step

(Continued from page 1)

Baghdad next month and will alert

the Security Council should Iraq fail to comply.

The order was issued at the con-

clusion of five days of talks with

Iraqi nuclear specialists at the

agency's headquarters in Vienna. The Iraqi delegation argued against

demolition of any part of Al Atheer, saying it was conceived about

five years ago as a civilian research

facility and should be allowed to

nations given by the Iraqi technical

continue operating as such. Agency experts rejected this. "In spite of lengthy and detailed expla-

Iraq's representative to the agency. Ambassador Rahim Abid Kital declined to respond directly when asked if Baghdad would comply with the order, saying only, "Iraq is committed to full cooperation with the UN in implementing Resolu-

The resolution, setting the terms for a cease-fire in the Gulf War, called for the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Mr. Zifferero said the demolition required at Ai Atheer would be

extensive and, barring resistance, would presumably be carried out by the Iraqi Army using explosives. About a dozen of the more than 100 buildings at Al Atheer are slated for destruction, according to Mr. Zifferero.

Equipment to be eliminated includes high temperature furnaces. precision lathes and isostatic presses believed intended for the production of bomb components.

unspecified diplomats.
Philip Arnold, a spokesman for the U.S. mission, said Zaire was the first UN member to Landing with Mr. Krivalev on face having diplomats ex-pelled for failure to pay rent. We are making a strong ef-fort to have them understand the seriousness of the situadon," Mr. Arnold said. Said Mr. Rubin, "Zaire intends to pay its rent."



A UN inspector, Derek Boothby, answering questions Wednesday in Baghdad after his team destroyed Iraqi missile equipment.

### Rent Notice: **UN Scofflaws**

Not Immune New York Times Service NEW YORK - Although diplomatic immunity may customarily cover many things from mischief to murder, it does not extend to United Nations members who do not pay

A federal judge in Manhattan has ordered Zaire's mission to the UN evicted from its midtown offices if it does not pay more than \$400,000 in ters reported. ["Because the order does not require ABC News k rent by April 20. And the State Department has warned the African nation that if the money is not paid by April 18, two of its diplomats will be

its attorney, Jeffrey M. Ru-bin, said that although Zaire

would appeal the eviction rul-

ing, there was no legal way to prevent the expulsion of two

we believe it appropriate to make the entirety of both interviews available to news organizations." Mr. Salinger had interviewed the two men, Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, in November, and ABC had hroadcast brief exbombing, as alleged in separate indictments of them in Scotland and the United States. British anti-terrorist police investigating the

bombing, which killed all 259 passengers and crew and 11 people on the ground, demanded the tapes and ootes of the complete interviews on March 6.
Libya, threatened by with economic and possibly military sanctions if it does not allow the extradition of the two accused men for trial either in Scotland or the United States, has said it would

tapes on the ground that the police had not explained their reasons for seeking them. The court judgment on Wednesday said that the police had made the demand after seeing the broadcast ex-cerpts in ABC's London offices in December, when it said Mr. Salinger had declined to show them the rest. The court ruling said that the police had ade-

quate reasons for making the demand. The overall objective should be to provide the

recipient with as much information, preferably in writing, as early as possible provided this is consis-tent with the security of the operation," the court

# Defense Rests in Gotti Case

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NEW YORK - John Gott? defense lawyers rested their case Wednesday after calling only one witness, the reputed Matia boss's

tax attorney. The lawyers had planned to call eight witnesses, but when they decided at the last minute not to put two prisoners on the stand, District Judge I. Leo Glasser re that five other witnesses could not

be called. "What happened to our de-fense?" Mr. Gotti quipped at the luncheon recess. "I should have done a little song and dance:

Mr. Gotti, 51, and a co-defeat

dant, Frank Locascio, 59, are tr trial in federal court in Brooklyn or charge of murder, loansharking, gambling, tax fraud and other crimes. They face life imprisonment if convicted of the most sen-ous crimes in a 13-count indice

Judge Glasser told the anony-mous and sequestered jurors that they would bear summations For day and Saturday, and could begin deliberating by Sunday.

#### THAI: Drug Allegations (Continued from page 1)

accepted the post of prime minister in what was expected to be a fiveparty coalition government closely tied to the junta that has led Thailand for the last 13 months. There have been unsubstantiated

rumors in the past linking Mr. Nar-ong to drug trafficking. According to Reuters, Mr. Narong was asked at the news conference about the rumors and replied, "I have no duty to explain to the people."

"I don't deny it," he said. "I just ignore it."

Reuters quoted the leader of the allied Thai Citizen party as saying that narcotics allegations were originally been made against Mr. Narong in Australia, and that a drug dealer there had tried to incriminate him without evidence.

Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, leader of the opposition New Aspiration Party, declined to comment Wednesday on rumors linking Mr. Narong to drug-trafficking but said, "The prime minister must be acceptable internally by the people and by the international communi-

Thailand is an international center for narcotics trafficking, principally for the transshipment of drugs produced in neighboring countries. The Thailand Developboroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and ment Research Institute estimated in a recent report that drug-trafstrength - for a Southerner with a ficking provides profits in Thailand of nearly \$4 billion a year.

important union help, notably from teachers and public employee unions.

In the parliamentary election on Sunday, Mr. Narong's party won 79 of the 360 seases. than any other party, and his selec-After the Connecticut primary, tion as prime minister came after Mr. Clinton had 987 delegates to the nominating convention. Mr. Tsongas 439 and Mr. Brown 150. er should be an elected member of over whether Thailand's next leadparliament or a general.

Opposition parties, which per-formed better in the election that needed for the nomination.
On the Republican side, Mr.
Bush had 750 of the 1,105 delegates tary leader became prime minister. had been expected, threatened. Mr. Narong was a compromise choice. He is an elected legislator who also leads a poblical party that, its opponents assert, was created to be the political arm of the

junta. The party was formed last year, after the coup.

The Bangkok Post, an Englishlanguage newspaper, said last week that "one could view Samakkhi Tham as being set up to respond directly to the wishes of the junta,

partment annouocement would dash Mr. Narong's hopes of becoming prime minister. The appointment must still receive ap-proval from the Thai military and from the nation's constitutional monarch, King Bhumibol Adulya-

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360 seats in the lower house of

### EARTHLING: Cosmonaut Returns to New Universe

access to the cosmodrome and the

atmosphere above it.

The agreement, however, caused another delay because the local cosmonant did not have the qualifications to replace Mr. Krikalev for the long periods that Soviet spacemen have stayed in the Mir station. Financial problems also forced a

delay in Mr. Krikalev's retrieval from space, Glavkosmos, the Soviet space agency, has been selling space rides to other countries to raise money, but still it could barely afford to send supply craft rock- Soviet space program will continue eting beyond the earth's atmo-

sphere to keep Mr. Krikalev and other cosmonauts well-fed.

Designed to house up to 12 cosmonauts, the Mir station has been manned almost continuously since its launch 1986 and has been the focal point of the Soviet space program. Some experts now say that the station is nearing the end of its usefulness and must be either modernized or destroyed.

Last month, President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia created a new Russian Space Agency, which some critics have suggested only adds to the confusion about how the old

Alexander Volkov, Mr. Krivalev's colleague inside the Mir station, said at the oews conference last week that he hoped the space program would remain centralized.

"The system can only work ef-fectively as a whole," he said.

Wednesday were Mr. Volkov, who was launched to Mir in October, and a German Air Force officer who spent only a few days in the space station. They were replaced by three Austrians who are scheduled to stay in Mir until August, carrying out scientific experiments.

# **ABC** to Yield Tapes of 2 Libyans By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service LONDON — ABC News and its senior Europe-

an editor, Pierre Salinger, were ordered Wednes-day by the British High Court to turn over to British police tapes and notes of interviews with the two Lihyans charged with planting the bomb-ing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland

[In New York, the president of ABC News, Roone Arledge, said the network would comply with the order, but be said it would also release the tapes and ootes to other news organizations, Reu-

to reveal confidential sources, we have decided not to appeal the court decision," Mr. Arledge said in a statement. "Since we are compelled to make the tapes public by releasing them to the government,

cerpts of the interviews on Nov. 27. Both men denied that they bad had anything to do with the

turn them over to the Arab League.

In legal papers filed with the court in London,
ABC said it had resisted the order to turn over the

# POLITICS: A Surprise for Front-Running Clinton

York's tabloids, Mr. Clinton had received more negative press coverage in New York than anywhere

Allegations about his personal life — about marital infidelity, the draft and business dealings in Arkansas — have followed-Mr. Clinoutcome has brought Governor ton since the primary season began Mario M. Cuomo of New York in February, with opinion polls, exit polls and focus groups all showing that the notoriety is taking

Focus groups conducted by The Washington Post in Illinois suggested that some swing Democratic voters concerned about Mr. Clinton's character see him as "slick" and "slimy," a "Mr. Smoothie."

back to the center ring of national politics. Mr. Cuomo, who agonized before deciding oot to seek the Democratic nomination, can now

EC Environment Aide Assails Bush

sioner, Carlo Ripa di Meana, sharply criticized the United States on Wednesday for failing to agree to pollution-cootrol targets for the summit meeting on the environment in Brazil from June 1 to 12.

President George Bush reiterated his administration's refusal on Tuesday to go along with a hlanket target hy all nations for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, a prime contributor to global warming. Mr. Bush insisted that any solution must "fit each nation's particular circum-

Mr. Ripa di Meana said, "President Busb's statements, coming in the middle of an election campaign, which confirm his hostility to setting dates for precise steps in the light against carbon-dioxide emissions, strike at the heart of the Rio conference."

make life easier or harder for Mr. Clinton. Mr. Cuomo has been described

often by associates as disliking his Arkansas counterpart. Mr. Cuomo's true feelings are likely to emerge in the next two weeks. · Mr. Clinton does have strong or ganizational support, notably the backing of county leaders in the the Broux. He also has surprising moderate image — among New York's liberal activists. And he has

An additional 415 are uncommitted. At the Democratic national convention, 2,145 delegates will be

occided for nomination; Mr. Buchanan had won 46. More than 1,400 delegates remained to be se-

# ROUTES: Brussels Moves to Liberalize Air Travel

game yet is British Airways trying to do cabotage between Paris and Nice without having first flown from London to Paris."

For consumers, experts say, cabotage will mean a wider choice of carriers oo certain routes, likely leading to lower prices and better service. "It will obviously improve the chances for com-petition." said John Bingham, an airline analyst with SRI International in London. "That would

bave definite advantages on price for the consum-

He warned, however, that the shortage of terminal slots at many busy European airports might mean delays in realizing the full benefits of cabo-

Only a few EC countries, iocluding Britain and the Netherlands, want full cahotage rights to take effect right away, without an interim stage in which only consecutive cabotage is allowed. The 23-member Association of European Air-

lines seeks a transition period of about four years. "At the moment, the market within one Community country has been protected," said Martina Priebe, a spokeswoman for the Brussels-based air-line trade group. "The fear is that a foreign carrier might come in and pick out just the best routes, and leave the oational carrier with the least attractive routes, so we want a period to allow each airline to adapt itself to the new circumstances."

Consumers also are expected to benefit from another element of the Community's air liberalization program that would allow airlines full freedom in setting fares. That decision is expected in EC fares now are governed by a system of "double disapproval" in which an airline cannot

introduce a new fare for a route between two EC countries if the governments at both ends object. "Certainly on some routes the fares will come

down, at least on the most protected routes," said Mr. Van Miert. "When you fly now from Brussels to London, or Brussels to Madrid, it is very expensive in business class. Fares will not be lowered on all routes, but I expect that they will on the major

The EC transport ministers also will consider a report from the EC Commission on state aid to airlines. Under EC law, state aid is considered illegal unless private investors would have made the same business decision.

The report identifies practices in many member states that might merit additional EC investiga-tion, such as whether subsidies for the duty-free shop at Copenhagen's airport represents illegal state aid for Scandinavian Airlines System.

which calls itself the National Peacekeeping Council.
It was unclear if the State De-

dej.

If he does become prime minister, Mr. Narong is expected to fol-low the largely pro-Western, free-

Mr. Narong's coalition would be made up the Justice Unity Party and four others: Chart Thai, or Thai Nation Party; the Social Action Party; the Thai Citizens Party and the small Rassadom, or Citizens Party. Together they would command 195, or 54 percent, of the 360 seats in the lower house of

# LI: Clues Portray China's 'Most Hated Man' as Wounded in Power Struggle

in retreat. Although no survey data are available, scholars and officials generally agree that Mr. Li is the most hated man in China.

He more than anyone else is as-sociated with the Tiananmen crackdown in 1989 in which troops killed huodreds of protesters, and he is also reviled as a symbol of the purges, cultural vacuousness and hard-line ideology of the last three

Eveo the Chinese characters in Mr. Li's name have fallen into disrepute throughout the Chinese-speaking world, evoking the same distaste as Adolf in the West. A Hong Kong man who was also called Li Peng reportedly went so far as to change his name.

While the power struggle is opaque and still far from over, a clue seemed to come last week

when the authorities announced that Mr. Li was not scheduled to hold a news conference next month at the end of the annual legislative

This news conference has been held each year in the recent past, and so the cancellation suggested either that Mr. Li prefers to keep a we must knock down all the obsta-

nese press, which has begun carrying articles that can be read as subtle calls for a new prime minis-

"We must resolutely dismiss they still are under leftist influfrom their leading positions those ence," the article said.

mediocre officials who lack a bold. The assertion that Cl and creative spirit," the official

The newspaper did not suggest any names, but if "mediocre offi-cial in leading position who lacks a bold and creative spirit" were a crossword puzzle definition, most Chinese would be prepared to write "Li Peng" in the puzzle, in ink. "If we are to accelerate reform,

low profile or that others feel he is cles in the way," Workers' Daily no longer qualified to speak for the asserted a few days ago in an article about the need to oppose leftism, Another clue is the official Chieses press, which has begun carryag articles that can be read as with which Li Peng is associated with which Li Peng is associated with which Li Peng is associated of opsing lertism, and that's because

The assertion that China's greatest danger comes from leftists rath-Economic Daily declared last week. "Maybe by ousting just one person, we can set a new course."

et than rightists—rightists are usually the intellectuals who favor democracy and market economics.

Deng Xiaoping, 87, the nation's paramount leader. In January, Mr. Deng undertook

a major campaign to speed up eco-nomic restructuring, and he crisicized by name several hard-line ideologues who are close to the prime minister.

Mr. Deng is believed to be unen-thusiastic about Mr. Li, regarding him as unimaginative, overly cau-tious and insufficiently dedicated to far-reaching change. One of Mr. Deng's family members is less police, telling friends that Mr. Li is a "melou-head."

Apparently feeling the political winds shifting Mr. Li has lately been trying to forge a new identity for himself as a reformer. But not body seems to take this impact acres body seems to take this image seri-

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Every week, on the International Herald Tribune's Style page, fashion editor Suzy Menkes presents a fresh and timely report of the latest fashion developments from all over the world.

In March and October, when the fashion world gathers in Paris for the spring and fall collections, the IHT presents an up-to-date report on the designers' latest creations in the Fashion Special Report.

Every spring and fall, the IHT takes an in-depth look at fashion news in Italy in the Italian Fashion Special Report.

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#### PARIS FASHION

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International Herald Tribune

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#### Chemicals and Confusion in the Cell Some pesticide chemicals are structurally similar to hormones and will bind to a hormone receptor in a cell, interfering with and altering the messages directing the cell's functions. Glandular celi Hormone Hormone Scientists have observed these problems in guils and other seabirds that eat contaminated fish: . Malformed sexual organs. Other birth defects. . Changes in sex-linked behavior. Ногтоле- Decreased fertility. Source: The Nature of Life." mimicking • immune system suppression. chemical

# Pollutants Cause Hormonal Havoc

By Jon R. Luoma New York Times Service

EW YORK - For decades, concerns about cancer have driven, much of the research into environmental contaminants as well as the regulation of these chemicals. But a few scientists now say that a quite different effect of these substances may be more significant: their role in disrupting hormonal systems of animals, particularly those governing reproduction.

The substances of interest are chemicals known as chlorinated organics, including DDT, dioxin and PCBs. Rat and bird studies suggest the chemicals can change the sexual behavior of the fetus when the mother is exposed, raising the question of similar effects in humans.

But scientists involved in the research are unwilling to speculate beyond the animal data they have recently acquired. Others note that the tight restrictions imposed on these chemicals from fear of cancer may have protected human populations from hormonal effects.

"These effects have received out nearly the same emphasis as cancer as an environmental perturbation," said Dr. John McLachlan, director of the Laboratory of Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, "But this is an area that has grown in our consciousness literally in the last 10 or 12 years."

Last summer, the handful of researchers working on this issue met together for the first time in Racine, Wisconsin, where, Dr. McLachlan said, studies began to converge in a way that "transcended previous knowledge."

The effects of the chlorinated organic chemicals are most significant in fetuses. They include partial retention of sex glands of the opposite sex, profound changes in sexual behavior and reduced fertility. In some studies, laboratory rodents exposed as fetuses to even

No such studies have been done on humans, but use of the now-banned drug diethylsuilbestrol, or DES, may have served as an experiment of a sort. The drug, once prescribed to millions of pregnant women, mimics the natural sex rmones. Danghters of women who received DES suffered from such effects as malformed reproductive tracts, infertility and a rare cancer called vaginal adenocarcinoma. Many of the

effects appeared only after sexual maturity.

A similar pattern of reproductive damage is observed in pollutant-contaminated laboratory animals and wildlife, said Dr. Michael Fry, a wildlife research physiologist at the University of California at Davis.

Although the hormone-like potency of some of the contaminants appears to be considerably lower than that of DES, the pollutants typically build up over years in the latty tissue of animals, particularly predators at the top of the food chain with access to contaminated fish.

Many pesticides that have been banned in the United States, including DDT, are still used in huge amounts elsewhere in the world. These substances are known to reach this country in the tissues of migratory birds or carried by weather systems.

Scientists have identified these environmental cootaminants to have hormone-like chemical qualities: the pesticide DDT, kepone, kelthane, lindane, methoxychlor, a class of pesticides known as synthetic pyrethroids (some of which are being developed as alternatives to banned pesticides), certain herbicides called triazines, some dioxins, some PCBs, some furans, some heavy metals, including lead and cadmium, and contaminants in some plastics.

Some of the scientists at the 1991 Wisconsin conference summarized their findings at a symposium in Washington last week. They noted that the chemicals in question had structural features that enabled them to be recognized by the same receptors on living cells that recognize

of natural hormones to receptors. Still others appear to induce the body to produce extra receptors, which may actually multiply the impact of natural hormones.

Studies with rats, mice and sea gulls have shown that fetuses exposed to various environ-mental hormone mimics fail to develop normal sex organs, or even to develop partly formed double sets of sex organs.

Dr. Fry reported that unusual sexual behaviors had been observed among gulls in the wild in contaminated regions. Male gulls ignored breeding colonies, and pairs of female gulls tried to nest together, as if one were a male.

There appeared to be a correlation between the amounts of pollntant chemicals in their bodies and the degree of unusual sexual behavior.

To test this apparent relation in the laboratory, Dr. Fry exposed incubating sea-gull eggs to DDT and found that males developed with partly formed egg ducts and that some birds had hermaphroditic sex glands.

ORMONE-LIKE contaminants in the environment may produce other sorts of damage, researchers suggested, including suppression of the immune system, thyroid dysfunction, decreased fertility and birth defects.

"The question is dose - whether people are exposed to doses that approach those in rodents in toxicology studies, and whether exactly the same of toxicity would occur in humans," said Dr. Earl Gray, a toxicologist with the Environ-mental Protection Agency. "Both of those facts are unknown for most of the chemicals, so there's a great deal of uncertainty." Dr. McLachlan said that at this point re-

searchers are certain of only three factors: "that certain chemicals operate like estrogens in the environment; that in experimental animals you small doses of PCBs and dioxins were born as the natural sex hormones.

"feminized" males or "maculimized" lemales.

Other contaminants appear to block access effects in humans exposed to DES." can perturb the reproductive system with these



Saint Laurent's plaid fringed pantsuit. fringes that hung from the bottom of jackets and cropped pants. Or

opened to reveal different colored skirts underneath. But the star piece of the show was a long black velvet skirt swishing out under a

simple scarlet sweater-set, with

Saint Laurent's fetish heart in Classic Saint Laurent elegance came out at night in the fondant- blood-red gems at the neck. Pierre Berge who jealously guards . pale satin jackets with rivulets of long skirt. Other evening skirts Saint Laurent's dominant position,

banned his entire house from attending a Condé Nast party given Monday by Anna Wintour of Amer-

ican Vogue, because the invitation was illustrated with a fashion photograph of Chanel. Wintour, who had left for New York, did not attend the Saint Laurent show.

world since Chanel and Schiaparelli slugged it out in the 1930s, and rival camps were established for Balenciaga and Dior in the 1950s. The Paris scene is now dominated by three players: Karl Lagerfeld, who holds the most powerful position. Claude Montana and Christian Licroix. These three were cited by atmost all the buyers, who are leaving town for the New York shows in April, enthusiastic about an unex-

pectedly strong Paris season. "It was a good season for us because no one played safe - we loved the long skirts when they were done right and there is a whole world of pants," said Joan Kaner of Neiman-Marcus, who, like many others, cited Dolce e Gabbana as rising stars in Milan. Saks' Susan McMillan singled

out Montana, and a new trend towards sportswear. Ellin Saltzman of Macy's and I. Magnin threw in Romeo Gigli and Oscar de la Renta and said it had been "a really hot season." Bergdorf's Joseph Boitano praised "a strong season" and add-ed Valentino and Versace in Italy as high scorers.

You don't oeed a scorecard to tell who the players are — they have a definite look," claimed Lynn Manulis of Martha's International, naming Lagerfeld, Montana and Lacroix as the trio pushing fashion ahead and who will have "an impact on the general marketplace."
"We fonod nine first-rate collec-

tions - and I don't ever remember so many," said Bloomingdale's Kalman Ruttenstein, adding Gaultier, Saint Laurent, Ungaro and Westwood to the list. Rottenstein. a sharp-eyed fashion director, picked out pants and pantsuits, leather, leopard prints and red as the leading trends.

The red berring was skirt lengths, although the re-emergence of the long hemline in fashion is likely to seem important to the ordinary

The really important change was in the silhouette, which is long and lean for fall. A final show by Hervé Leger, a

onetime assistant of Lagerfeld, and a designer with a cult following, did, in a way, put the season in perspective. His skinny stretch dresses in jigsaws of seaming, came every length from short to just above-the-knee to ankle-length, But always with a slender, curvy silhouette and a focus on the bodies beautiful of the supermodels. Leger's mix of modern fahric, a pencil-slim line, and sex is a certain recipe for the 1990s.

The shows closed Wednesday with presentation of a new secondary line from Clande Montana. High fashion at a lower price is also symbolic of the way things are going in the new decade.

# When Joblessness Makes You III

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - As the unemployment rate continues to climb, each month hundreds of thousands of people discover that involuntary joblessness is often more of an emotional and physical challenge than any job they have ever held. It is not, as some may think, unfettered free

time to do chores and pursue pleasures. Nor is unemployment a relief from drudgery, particularly if one's job is a source of personal identity, pride or camaraderie. Rather, many studies have shown or strongly suggested that uncanployment breeds a host of personal, family and social ills, from depression and heart attacks to child abuse and criminal violence.

The hazards of unemployment are oot suf-fered solely by the person who loses the job. Many who still have jobs labor under the stressful fear that they may be next to join the bread line. During recessions, there is often more competition between workers and less possibility of promotion. Or, because of cutbacks, employees may be stripped of needed support personnel or have to do the jobs of two people.
Wives of unemployed men face an increased risk of mental and physical health problems,

and children may show physical or behavioral symptoms from rising family tension. Eveo older workers who take early-retire-ment deals are vulnerable to the ill effects of suddenly having no job, especially if they have oot prepared emotionally or situationally for a

Stay-at-home life.

But experts on the psychosocial consequences of unemployment believe that it is possible for most unemployed people and their families to defray many of the costs of joblessness and control the toll on health and family stability. reduce the toll on health and family stability. Periods of economic recession marked by high rates of unemployment and business failures and reduced per capita income have long beeo linked to an increase in personal and

social ills. Dr. M. Harvey Brenner, a sociologist at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, has found that during and after recessions in the 1970s and 1980s there was a significant rise in deaths from heart disease, stroke, cirrhosis of the liver, suicide, traffic accidents and homicides in the general population. There were also more admissions to mental hospitals, more arrests and more cases of assault and fraud.

Even when a country emerges from a recession, the problems do oot necessarily recede. Dr. Brenner maintains that those who suffer the most serious economic consequences and who do not participate in the national recovery face the most severe stresses when things get better.
For others, bad habits acquired during the

For many, unemployment is more of an emotional and physical challenge than any job they have ever held.

recession, like alcohol and drug abuse, can take

their toll years later.
Dr. Richard H. Price, professor of psychology at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research in Ann Arbor, analyzed recent

studies showing that emotional disorders are most often the result of job loss, not its cause. In a study of families of autoworkers who had recently lost or were expecting to lose their jobs, job loss was associated with increased household conflict, tension and stress. The unemployed workers were more likely to have

employed workers were most may be have hit, slapped or spanked their children.

Dr. Paula M. Rayman, a sociologist at Wellesley College who studied unemployed workers at an aircraft factory, found that the stress of joblessness worsened family relationships. Unemployed workers were also more likely to suffer from severe headaches, chronic nausea, stomach troubles and constant fatigue.

OME people weather problems of memployment better than others with similar life circumstances. Dr. Jacob Trachtenberg, a psychiatrist at Northwestern Institute in Fort Washington,

"People who adjust easily to change, who can tolerate the frustrations of everyday life and who can control their impulses will have an easier time than others. Also people who have good relationships with family and friends and a strong sense of self-esteem will weather the stress of unemployment better than those people who do not."

He and other experts urge the newly unemployed to take steps immediately to head off the depression and sense of worthlessness that can both damage health and make the search for a job more difficult.

Here are some helpful measures:

· Don't blame yourself for the cutbacks that

• Try to turn your anger and frustration about losing your job into motivation to find a

 Admit to your concern about being out of work and discuss it with your family and close

friends. Let the children know that they are not to blame for the sudden unhappiness at home. Sharing the burden makes it easier for everyone Develop a concrete plan to find a new job.

Prepare a resume, read the want ads, sign up with public and private employment agencies and let as many people as you can know what kind of job you are looking for. • If your old line of work is no longer an

option or you have lost interest in it, consider a job retraining program. Analyze your skills, abilities and interests and take the opportunity of ioblessness to assume a new vocational direc-• Try to maintain as much of the structure of

your old life as possible. Continue with activi-ties you can afford that bring you satisfaction and keep you in touch with friends.

• Find positive ways to vent your negative feelings, for example through physical exercise, which can also help you maintain your physical

and mental well-being.

• Take a part-time job. Or become an "entre-preneur." Working out of your home, turn a hobby or your skills into a money-making oper-

• Fill your spare time with volunteer work. It will enhance your self-esteem.

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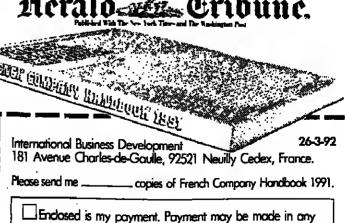
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# Broccoli: A Difficult Veggie to Popularize

By Trish Hall New York Times Service

EW YORK - These ought to be glory days for broccoli. With a new study showing that this pedestrian vegetable may stave off cancer, it seems poised to take off. There's only one problem. Broccoli won't

Like all vegetables, broccoli is made up almost entirely of water. When it is dried, bardly anything remains. Since it cannot be turned into flour, like oats, it cannot slide

into food without people noticing. "There isn't much you can do with it," said Martin Friedman, editor of New Product News, published by Delta Communications in Chicago. "They've never even been able to can broccoli."

shot up in the last decade. A third of American households are eating it at least once every two weeks, up 33 percent in a decade, according to studies by the NPD Group, a market research company in Park Ridge, Illinois. But it still lags behind the most popular vegetables: green beans, peas and corn.

Broccoli is not a neutral kind of vegetable. People have strong feelings about it. Beth Rosaler, shopping for groceries last week in Manhattan, said she doesn't love broccoli but eats it anyway. Asked to elaborate, she said only, "I don't want to align myself with that

creep Bush." In price, at least, broccoli is starting to resemble medicine. Howard Glickberg, an owner of the Fairway market in New York, said that at his store broccoli sales rose by 50 percent and the price rose from 89 cents

Nonetheless, consumption of broccoli has to \$1.69 a head in less than two weeks. In late 1990, Campbell Soup Co. introduced a cream of broccoli soup that has become the company's biggest-selling new product since 1934, when chicken noodle soup and cream of mushroom soup were

While the positive aspects seem to exist in both the stalk and flowers, and while they don't seem compromised by steaming or microwaving, "our knowledge on these mat-ters is very limited," said Paul Talalay, the Johns Hopkins researcher who led the new study that identified a chemical in broccoli that might fight cancer.

His team did learn that broccoli contains sulforaphane, a chemical that raises the activity of enzymes that counter the effects of carcinogens. Now he plans to study volunteers who eat a broccoli-rich diet.

# Russia Deserves the Help

No blank check. With that vapid phrase, George Bush sidesteps pressure to organize large-scale Western economic aid for Russia. Apparently unsure that Russian economic reforms are real, he sits on the sidelines as the Russian economy verges on collapse. Mr. President, take another look.

In February the Yeltsin government and the International Monetary Fund reached agreement oo economic measures to be formalized once Russia becomes a member in April. Since then Russia has further decontrolled prices, slashed military spending, cut subsidies to state enterprises and opened its borders to trade and investment. That is an astonishingly quick leap to markets.

These are momentous events; in Russia last August, the Communists were supreme and private property a heresy. Seven months later the government is about to adopt a plan to privatize more state-owned enterprises in a month than Margaret Thatcher privatized in a decade.

But the transition is painful. Economic output in Russia has fallen 20 percent, a horrifying collapse. Factories are closing because they have been stripped of the ability to import crucial machine parts. Living standards of millions bave disintegrated in the wake of galloping inflation. External aid is needed, without delay.

The IMF has now stepped in where Mr. Bush and other Western leaders bave re-fused to tread. It has carefully estimated Russia's oeed, and negotiated commitments by Boris Yeltsin to institute strict, immediate fiscal discipline. The IMF staff will recommend that the West provide Russia this year about \$12 billion for debt

relief, imports to keep factories running and emergency food, medicine and consumer goods to help Russia make it through the

cruel first stages of inflation.

The staff will also recommend creation of a \$6 billion fund to help stabilize the value of the ruble in order to facilitate free trade and investment. The total aid package of \$18 billion is not overly generous but

should prove adequate.

President Yeltsin has begun to carry out his commitments. Virtually all consumer prices have been, or soon will be, set free. The budget deficit has been cut from about 20 percent of gross national product to less than 5 percent - about the same as in the United States. And a single exchange rate

will be created, its value set by market forces. There is still one crucial reform to negotiate --- braking the explosive growth in money and credit. Without monetary discipline there will be oo reliable price system, and economic reform will fail.

Success of a Western aid package will rest on the IMF's ability to force the Russians to stick by their agreements. The fund has already shown encouraging results in Poland. There the government undertook radical economic reform subject to an IMF agreement, then wavered under economic ain and political chaos. But the IMF threatened to withdraw aid, and this week the Polish government proposed a budget that fulfilled its IMF commitments.

What happened in Poland can also happen in Russia, if the United States and the rest of the Western alliance supply enough assistance to give reform a chance.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Why Trust Gadhafi?

produce the two of its men sought in the bombing - 270 people died - of Pan Am 103 in 1988. But what is Moammar Gadhafi's word worth? At this moment, oothing. The United States plus Britain, on whose soil the fated plane fell, and France, which believes that Libyans also blew up a French UTA airliner — 171 died — in 1989, are working at the United Nations to compel Colonel Gadhafi to produce suspects for trial or investigation in credible (other than Libyan) courts. It is to avoid an aviation and arms embargo and diplomatic sanc-tions that the Libyans oow say they will hand over the Pan Am 103 suspects to the Arab League, and bence to the custody of the United Nations secretary-general and hence to reliable courts. There have been no comparable public indications oo the four suspects in the UTA affair.

A split-level diplomatic exercise is playing out around Colonel Gadhafi. The Westera countries are outraged by his conduct and sponsorship of terrorism and see an opportunity, if oot to end his rule, then to force a change in his policy. At the same time, Egypt and other moderate Arab states

The word is that Libya has promised to roduce the two of its men sought in the ombing — 270 people died — of Pan Am of change in the Arab world. Egypt in particular has been carving out a regional leadership role, trying to produce enough Libyan concessions to satisfy the West on the bombings and to shield Libya against Western reprisals. Libya is a major market for Egyptian goods and labor. Cairo is also driven by the fear that a dangerous fundamentalism could spread in Libya if Colonel Gadhali were driven from power.

For the West, nonetheless, the priority must be to protect its citizens from the terrorism that the Libyan leader has been perpetrating and financing for more than 20 years. Recently he has murmured of a change of heart and made gestures to get back into international good graces. But foreign intelligence services remain skeptical. He should be left in no doubt that anything short of making all the accused operatives available in trustworthy courts will lead to a UN crackdown. This should have been done long ago. There can be no abiding further delay and evasion by this sinister man,

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# **An Old Political Game**

the Connecticut primary of playing "the coldest, most crass political game in the Seawolf, or the Connecticut primary or the world" by supporting deeper cuts in the defense budget as a source of jobs.

One Seawolf has been built, or nearly so; the two in dispute are Nos. 2 and 3. They defense budget than the administration wants but at the same time endorsing production of two more Seawolf submarines. which are made in Connecticut and which the administration wants to kill.

Mr. Clinton, the president suggested, was being duplicitous and trying to have it both ways, and we have to admit that the president has a good eye for that sort of thing. Who was it, after all, but the would-be environmental president who went to the auto state of Michigan a few days before the March 17 primary there to announce that the administration was killing a proposed clean air regulation to which the industry objected? "We've got to stop counterproductive regulations that cripple your freedom of action and cost this coun-

try jobs," the president said.

That, of course, was a principled ancouncement. As to Mr. Clinton's position oo the Seawolf, he was known to bold it at least as early as Jan. 22, when Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut endorsed him and mentioned it in the process. It was being reported at the time that the administration was about to propose killing the two subs that are now in dispute, but the president did not officially do so until he submitted his budget a week later. So Mr. Clinton's position has a little age on it; it was oot thought up the week before the primary. Nor, bowever it may have played on Tuesday in Connecticut, was or is it calculated to endear him to all elements of his own party.

George Bush accused Bill Clinton before doubtless also be to Mr. Bush on the regulatory issue, does it have only to do with the

were to be the first of a costly oew class of attack submarines that the oavy said was needed because the Soviet Union was also about to build a new generation of quieter and otherwise more capable underwater craft. Now the Soviet Union and the threat that the Seawolf was meant to address have both dissolved. The question is whether, in response, the United States should dissolve its entire ouclear submarine-building capacity. It is a part of a defense industrial base debate that, in all the excitement over cutting the defense budget, the president

and Congress have yet to have. The issue is partly how best to convert the defense industry to peaceful purposes, but also the opposite. How much of a defense industry should the United States retain? The existing class of attack submarines will not last forever. How best to preserve the critical mass of knowledge and skills that will be needed to build its successor? A similar problem exists with regard to other specialized military products - the

ability to build tanks, for example. One approach is for the government basically to sbut down the sobmarine-building industry and take a chance on recreating it later. Mr. Clinton says that he would buy a little time instead by completing subs No. 2 and 3. The oldest. most crass political game is to say that the other guy's position is merely crass.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Other Comment

Baseless Slurs Against Israel

The unprecedented campaign of leaks against Israel, originating in unidentified administration sources in Washington, seems to have borne fruit. It has caused serious damage to Israel's good name and public standing. And it has dealt a body blow to its military industry, whose health is essential to the country's survival. Even more damaging may be the campaign's effect on U.S.-Israel relations. The American public is neither

interested enough to study the issue nor prone to believe denials by a foreign country. In the absence of unequivocal dissociation from the leaks by the administration, it natu-rally tends to believe the worst. Thus, unsubstantiated, baseless charges have blossomed into received wisdom. It is the first time in recent history that a democratic friend and ally of the United States has been treated so shabbily. Only the Bush administration can undo some of the damage.

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# Russians Have Won, Not Lost, And They Can Keep Winning

By Sergo Mikoyan

WASHINGTON — Who defeated Russia? Nobody. On the cootrary, it was Russia that defeated the Bolshevik system, which declared itself socialist. It was Russia that defeated last year's coup, while national-ist leaders like Ukraine's Leonid Kravchuk and others became obedient sheep until Moscow finished off the plotters.

But look at what is happening now. Mr. Kravchuk is trying to annex Crimea, forget-ting the unlawful Politburo decisions on that score. Nikita Khrushchev gave that peninsula to Ukraine as a gift to commemorate 300 years of its unification with Russia.

I remember very well the iron grip of the Ukrainian mafia brought to Moscow by Mr. Khrushchev — people whose mediocrity dif-fered only by degree. Kirichenko, Kirilenko, Polianskyi, Brezhnev, Podgorny, Shelest, Cher-nenko, Chervonenko — all of them were responsible for stagnation, for anti-Semitism, for crushing the dissidents' movement, for many stupid and shameful decisions by the Kremlin.

So nobody should put the responsibility for everything disgusting on Moscow alone. To blame "Moscow," meaning "Russians," for everything bad is unfair and not conspicuously honest on the part of people who are smart enough to understand that such a posture belps to sell anti-Russian chauvinism disguised as an

and-imperialist liberation movement. The Russians suffered in the empire just like all other Soviet peoples. Just visit a village but only two or three hours from Moscow. Then do the same in Ukraine, Georgia, Latvia or Azerbaijan. You will easily understand that the empire was not Russian - it was Bolshevik.

after sympathizing with the Russian people for their fight against the Soviet system, suddenly conclude that Russia is a defeated country, a "loser" in the Cold War. Some people in the Pentagon now treat Russia as their predecessors treated Germany and Japan in 1945. They are stalling shamelessly on an agreement to buy plutonium from Russia that the United States really oceds, on the grounds that the money might some day help a revived Russian war machine that could threaten Washington. What nonsense! What Cold War fever heats up their imaginations!

Such people are also trying to kill the scientific potential of Russia in sophisticated space and missile research now that it has been discovered that many Russian instruments were superior to American ones.

The Pentagoo would be better off thinkin about how to unify the scientific potential of the two former adversaries in order to devise a reliable system of space-based defense against future aggressors from among the oew regional powers that are trying to acquire nuclear weapons and missiles.

The inertia of geopolitical psychology in some official quarters of Washington is amazing. Isn't it clear yet who can endanger the security and future welfare of the United States? I am not going to provide the answer to such hypothetical questions, but certainly it is oot Russia. Not anymore. Now Russia is lying in ruins, but not

because it was defeated. The price of changing systems is danger-ously high. And the leaders are oot economic geniuses. They have demonstrated how successful they were in destroying things, while

By Jim Hoagland

THE DEMAND FOR SOVIET SCIENTISTS IN THE USA IS GETTING A LITTLE OUT OF HAND. "BABY-SITTER. PREFERABLY NUCLEAR ENGINEER. Ph. D. LENINGRAD University. Min. Experience 20 years, SEND RESUME..."



their creative ability is much more doubtful. But surely the country — which covers 11 time zones, with 165 million mostly welleducated people, with all the possible natural resources — will not simply and mysteriously disappear. On the other hand, it will never be aggressive toward the West. Even the Central Iotelligence Agency can easily come to such a conclusion.

The West should remind itself, however, that this great nation has just completed a miracle: A great empire was dissolved and a totalitarian dictatorship was liquidated absolutely peacefully. (The victims of the ethnic conflicts between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, or Georgians and Ossets, are another kind of tragic statistic). Is it not convincing

evidence of the historic fact that the Russian people have become weary of violence?

Bearing all this in mind, who has a moral right to treat that great nation as defeated? lobody. Not from within the former Soviet Union, nor from the outside. If somebody does, it is unfair. If people do it long enough, they risk provoking a strong and profound Russian backlash, with what consequences is anybody's guess.

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#### The Proper Western Line Is to Support Yeltsin, Not Fear Him cloaked a form of Russian imperi-

WASHINGTON — Opposing camps have formed in America's foreign policy establishment over the opportunioes and dangers rising from the breakup of the Soviet Union. The ooe yoo will prefer depends on how you view the nature and strength of Russian imperialism at the end of the 20th century.

It is more than an academie questioo, If you believe that Russian imperialism remains a stroog and malignant force that will inevitably reassert itself, you will obvi-ously oot favor helping Boris Yeltsin's struggling government. Instead you will want to strengthen Ukraine and the other states that have emerged from the Soviet breakup. You will want to strengthen them against Russia. You will belong to

the Brzeinski Camp.
The competing school of thought sees Russian imperialism as a spent force. If you believe that President Yeltsin and his government are trying to replace imperial impulses with a democratic, free market system, you will favor doing everything one to the Nixon Camp. These differences surfaced at a

two-day foreign policy conference

spoosored by former President his speech to the Nixon conference.

Richard Nixon in Washington earMr. Kissinger strongly warned

lier this mooth. Over a luncheon table, Mr. Nixoo and Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security adviser in the Carter administration and

It is hard to imagine that anyone clever and dynamic enough to succeed Yeltsin will not understand that Russia's imperial age is over.

a keen student of the FSU (Former Soviet Union), debated their differences before agreeing to disagree. Mr. Brzezinski echoes the experience of his oative Poland by focus-ing on Russia's historic drive to rule and absorb the states on the Russian periphery. Central En-rope's tragic history also shaped the support given the Brzezinski argument by Henry Kissinger in

Mr. Kissinger strongly warned against a U.S. policy based on supporting one political leader, whether Mr. Yeltsin or anyone else, and ig-

noring Russia's imperial history.
It would be dangerous to discount such specific historical experiences. But I think the globalist view that Mr. Nixon has applied to Russia today is closer to the mark than the specialist view of Russia through the ages. At the end of the 20th century, even Russia must move forward with the forces of change rather than cling to an imperial past.

Mr. Yeltsin has demonstrated

his understanding of the age he inhabits. His early support for in-dependence for the Baltic states is evidence of this. So are his efforts to establish post-imperial foundations for a new order of Enrasian. states since the Soviet breakup. It is hard to imagine that anyone elever and dynamic enough to succeed; an independence and other recent.

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logical construct that served and

alism that is as obsolete in today's world as French and British colonialism. Like the European colonial empires, the internal Russian empire collapsed because of impe-rial fatigue, not because of the more romanticized (or demonized) forces of self-determination and

national liberation. With 30 years of hindsight, it is now fairly easy to see how imperial fatigue worked in the case of European colonialism. The price-earning ratio of maintaining empire oo longer made sense in Chad or Tan-zania, just as it makes oo sense for Russians today in Turkmenistan and Tajikistan.

It is obviously different in Ukraine or Kazakhstan. Large ethnic Russian populations and important military and economic assets make disengagement more traumatic there. Russia has never before accepted the physical "isolatico" from Europe that Ukraini-

graphical separation of Russia from

the powers of Europe much less important. Moreover, the economic and social forces that bring on imperial fatigue are too strong to be reversed at anything approaching an accept-able cost in national treasure or bloodshed. That is a global lesson of the past three decades that can be applied to the specific case of Russia.

The Nixon Camp is right to emphasize that the clearest threat to

stability in the FSU is Russian fragmentation, not a rebirth of imperialism. In Russia's case, drawmg a line between the healthy de-colonization of oeighboring lands and the beginning of national dis-integration is not easy. It is clear that the vote by Tatarstan for independence last Sunday approaches the threshold that Mr. Yeltsin has said must not be crossed.

The world has benefited enormously in the past three years from Russia's retreat from Eastern Europe and then from the internal Soviet empire. Only now does Rnssian weakness become a problem for stability rather than a blessing. It is a care moment to support (à la le Noon) rether than feat [1] le Bize zinski) Russia's ruler.

The Washington Post,

# Yugoslavs Are Concluding That Their War Did Them No Good

B tion in Yugoslavia is not as bad as it might be is not to say much. But at this moment it is possible to believe that in Belgrade the stage of disillusionment with war has been reached. It is an essential stage if this affair is ever to find a settlement.

There is disillusionment among Serbs that anything good can now come from more war, as well as apprehension at what Serbia may already have done to itself, since the Serbian public is oow deeply divided

and the possibility of an uprising in Albanian-populated Kosovo is real. Disillusionment also exists among the commanders of the Yugoslav Nadonal Army, whose belief that they could perpetuate their own and the army's autocomous power by collaborating with the dictatorial Serbian authorities has resulted in "an army in self-liquidation," to quote Radio Free Europe's Ross Johnson. Another emotion is also felt by

W ASHINGTON — When President George Bush said the other day that the "congressional

system is broken," no one was more

likely to agree than the members of

Congress themselves.
Weeks before Mr. Bush spoke

out in frustration (and with politi-

cal calculation) against the legisla-tive branch, a Southern Democratic

senator with 20 years in the Capitol

expressed a cynical rule for surviv-

al: "I never miss an opportunity to

run against Congress and Washing-ton ... If your people criticize Con-gress, join with them. You say: You

are absolutely right. Those people up

there don't know what they're doing. They don't know how to handle the

budget. They doo't know what to do

about energy policy.' Not every-

body, of course, does this sort of

thing. I can think of some former

members of Congress who didn't.

A Midwestern Republican repre-

sentative with 12 years of experience

said: "Everybody [in Congress] is independent. Nobody is going to tell

us ... what to do. because, by God.

they didn't get us here and they're not going to harp us here. No harve. No interest group. No nobody. We do it ourselves, and that is reflected

in the structure and organization of

the Congress ... We're down to the

politics of personal survival in the

extreme around this institution, and

The two just quoted were among

16 members of the House and Sen-

ate, 10 Democrats and six Republi-

cans, interviewed individually and

that inevitably leads to paralysis."

and they're not here anymore."

many Yugoslavs, expressed by parncipants in a conference devoted to their country's crisis by the Aspen Institute Bernin last week: It is shame at what the peoples of Yugoslavia have done to oce another. Yugoslavia had seemed the ex-Communist country closest to joining the European Community — the democratic West. Instead it has been the first to demonstrate its unfitness to do so. It is usual to say that the war was

caused by old hatreds. This of course is true, but it was also a war made possible by ignorance and even by a kind of terrible political innocence that permitted Croatian autonomists to think that they could discriminate against Serbs and be protected by the Western powers against the foreseeable Serbian reaction.

Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic, and the people around him, as-sumed that Europe in the 1990s was a

Getting Congress Back on the Tracks

By David S. Broder

with a promise of anonymity by

Lawrence Hansen, a George Wash-

ington University professor and for-mer Senate stall member, in a pro-

ject financed by the Joyce Foun-

dation and Centel, a Chicago-based

members of Congress respond can-

didly to an earlier report that the

same two organizations had spon-sored in which the pollsters Peter D.

Hart and Douglas Bailey document-ed and discussed public disillusion-

ment with politics and government. What Mr. Hansen found in his

interviews is what reporters who

cover Capitol Hill know: However

frustrated the voters are with Con-

gress, the frustration is even greater for conscientious members of the

House and Senate, of whom there

are many, struggling to do the job

Unlike the president, who for ob-

vious partisan reasons chose to de-

pict Congress as the villain of his

political morality play, the anony-

report see broader dimensions to the

problem. Both Democrats and Re-

publicans concede that Congress is badly in need of repair. But they insist that no "reforms" of campaign

financing or committee structure,

not even a wholesale turnover in

membership, will break the deadlock

three things needed to make the dia-

What is lacking, they say, are the

unless other things change.

they came to Washington to do.

The idea was to let respected

telecommunications company.

place where national aggrandizament through military aggression was per-missible. His election slogan had been, With Us There Is No Uncertainty!

Serb leaders seem even to have coovinced themselves that they had U.S. backing. American policy was actually to try to save Yugoslavia's unity by persuading its component nations to oegotiate oew terms of federation. Mr. Milosevic seems to have taken that as an endorsement of his plan forcibly to create a new Ser-bian-dominated Yugoslavia. He had already convinced himself

that the sympathy in Austria and Germany for Croatian and Slovenian independence meant that a new "fascist" alliance had been created to dismember Yugoslavia. U.S. and EC reluctance to follow Vienna and Bonn in recognizing the two breaksway states reinforced his belief that "the

logue of democracy real, leaders ready to talk truthfully about the

hard choices the nation faces; a pub-

lic ready to socept and understand those facts; and news media that

deal with these questions in more than 30-second superficialities.

Because politicians do not trust the public to accept these truths and

the public does not trust politicians

comfortable policy choices has been

elevated to an art form by both poli-ticians and the public," Mr. Hansen

says in his summary.
Four steps emerge from Mr. Han-

sen's discussions that might help

First, the presidential candidates

need to focus voters' attention on

their agendas for the nation. Second,

voters need to be told by both parties

of the heavy costs of ticket-splitting

that gives one party control of Con-gress and the other the executive branch. (As Mr. Hansen says, "If citizens are weary of policy gridlock, then they should help end it by elect-

ing a government that cannot escape

accountability for its stewardship.")

Third, Congress needs to get busy

overhauling its rules committee structure and operations.

And fourth, the campaign fi-

nance system needs to be changed

to permit and encourage competi-

lic readiness to face up to the hard

choices, confidence in the republi-can system of government will fur-

The Washington Post.

ther erode.

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clare its independence—and to "co-ordinate their approach" to a new union of Serbia (plus Kosovo) with Montenegro, with "particular empha-sis" that this new state demonstrate respect for the integrity of its neighbors and the rights of its minorities. The United Nations peacekeeping force has begun to arrive in what used to be Yugoslavia. Lord Carrington's European Community peace conference goes on. Another EC group has drafted a minority rights law for Croatia, an important precedent. There still are episodes of violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, but the evidence is that most Yugoslavs have

that oow. The entire European Com-

United States have together declared

new states of Yugoslavia - including

Bosnia-Herzegovina, the latest to de-

no appetite for more war. In Croatia and Slovenia a oew dyosmism has been created by indepen-dence. People say that such "mini-states" cannot survive economically, but this is oot apparent, given that they already are members of a larger European trading a party and can pa-sonably expect to become still more closely integrated into a prosperous Europe. If Denmark (less that 6 milion population) and Luxembourg (373,000) can survive, why not Croatia (5 million), Slovenia (2 million) or nia-Herzegovina (4.5 million)?

There are a number of proposals for a reconciled future, which the "silent majority" of Yugoslavs are said to want: a society of indepen-

That this was sheer delusion needs dent cantons, as in Switzerland; a saying Even Mr. Milosevic knows new-model federation after dictatorship has ended in Scrbia; a free trade munity has now recognized Slovenia and Croatia. The Community and the zone or other form of economic community; eventual association of the new states (those which are democrathat they expect to recognize all the cies) with the EC. Each formula mitigates the risk that lies in the perpetuation of ethnic

states. An Albanian in Kosovo can be a Yugoslav, he cannot be a Serb. The hundreds of thousands who are the products of "mixed" marriages -Scrb with Croat, Croat and Muslim, Slovenian and Macedonian - can only be "Yugoslav." The ethnic state is not, as many

think, some kind of primordial political unit, but is a phenomenon of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The ethnic states appeared from the collapse of the multinational Ottoman and Hapsburg empires. Woodrow Wilson and the World War I allies made universal national self-determination a war aim.

The old nation-states of western Europe are not ethnic nations, any-more than is the United States. All the Western democracies have always been mixtures of ethnic and historical groups and communities. The ethnic state excludes those who do not belong to his "mation" or "Table," land

rejects their claims to equal treatment.
It would be foolish to say that a solution to the Yugoslav crisis is in sight. One can see the form a solution might take. One also recognizes, with relief, that the war has profited no one, and that this fact has come home to most of those making the decisions inside what used to be Yugoslavia.

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### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Congo Crusade

BRUSSELS — The Portuguese and Dutch Parliaments have both given their sanction to the Brussels Anti-Slavery treaty. This action completes the formalities and allows the enforcement of anti-slavery measures, inst two years after the meeting of the Brussels conference. The Africa antislavery crusade will oow begin in earnest, if the treaty stipulations are loy-ally carried out by all the nations who took part in the conference. This gives great satisfaction in Congo circles.

1917: Democratic Spirit

JASSY - The Russian revolution has caused the keenest satisfaction in Roumanian Roumanians believe that the execution of the project for inter-nal reforms will not only make Russia more powerful, but will realize the as incre powerint, our was realize the aspirations of the people for civil and political liberty. The official Independance Roumaine says: "The spirit of democracy which has taken hold of our neighbors is identical with that which animates our countrymen."

1942: In Nazi Doghouse

NEW YORK - From our New NEW YURK — [From our New York edition:] America has racked up a neat victory over Jane Anderson, renegate American, who until recently was a star of Nazi propaganda broadcasts sent from Berlin to the United States. The triumph resulted United States. The triumph resulted in Miss Anderson being banished into the Nazi doghouse. The spiciest part was the simplicity—the broaduate of Miss Anderson's broadcasts. She told of going to a cockail bar with a Nazi friend. On silver platters were sweets and cookies. I ate Turkish cookies. My friend ordered great goblets of champagne with shots of goblets of champagne with shots of cognac to make it more lively." The Americans translated the broadcast and short-waved if to the German people, who are getting along on erpeople, who are getting along on ea-satz beer and black bread. Since then Miss Anderson has been off the air.

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WASHINGTON — The Cold War had ended. Governments on both sides of what had once been an iron curtain were making plans to convert nuclear weapons laboratories to civilian purposes and to begin dismantling their

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huge arsenals of nuclear missiles. But on a bitterly cold January morning in New Mexico a bundred scientists gathered at the Los Alamos National Laboratory to discuss new nuclear armaments. Many of America's top experts on nuclear weapons and "star wars" were there, including the legendary father of the H-bomb, Edward Teller.

The press was barred from the meeting. It was a call to arms. One speaker called for a fleet of 1,200 new missiles to be made ready and armed with the world's entire arsenal of nuclear warheads!

Mr. Teller himself urged the development of a new superbomh — 10,000 times more powerful than any bomb ever huilt. A bomh so powerful that it could never be detonated on Earth. It was Mr. Teller's 84th birthday; his hushy eyebrows were now white, but he had lost none of his fervor.

As calls for more and bigger bombs continued, Lowell Wood, Mr. Teller's protégé at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, could not contain his excitement. From the back of the auditorium he shouted, "Nukes forever!" The enemy? A killer comet.

One might be discovered any day, headed for a collision with Earth. The handful of non-weapons scientists at the meeting, including experts on comets and asteroids, were horrified. The reduced threat of self-annihilation by an all-out nuclear war between superpowers had driven the weapons scientists to concoct a new justification for their work. Those who had defended the free world from the Evil Empire, far from becoming irrelevant, would now save Earth from cosmic disaster. How real is their fantasy?

#### The Last Dinosaur

In 1978, an American surveillance satellite detected a huge explosion in the South Atlantic Ocean. The mysterious blast was suspected at the time of being a South African-Israeli nuclear test, hut intelligence sources were unable to confirm that. Today the same experts suggest that the satellite may have recorded the impact of a rather small asteroid, which slammed into Earth with an energy equivalent to 100 kilotons of TNT many times the energy of the nuclear

bomh that leveled Hiroshima. Awareness of the asteroid threat in recent years has been heightened by the By Robert L. Park

well-publicized scientific debate over the fate of the dinosaurs. Most scientists now accept the evidence that the abrupt extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago, along with 60 percent of all life forms then on Earth, was caused by the impact of an enormous asteroid in the Caribbean basin near present-day Mexico.

Perhaps 16 kilometers in diameter and traveling 50,000 kilometers per hour, the killer rock kicked up a cloud of debris that plunged the entire world into cold and darkness lasting for months. The fireball would have produced a rain of nitrie acid. Atmospheric effects, includ-ing vastly increased levels of carbon dioxide, might have lasted for centuries,

We owe our existence to that cataclysm. It was a new cast of the evolution-



ary dice that favored our mammalian ancestors. A few humans would survive such an encounter today, but civilization would not Press accounts of a "near miss" with a small asteroid last year

helped feed public apprehension. "Near" is a relative term. In this case it meant that the asteroid, about 10 meters in diameter, passed inside the moon's orbit. It was as if you stepped off a curb one day and declared that you had narrowly missed being run down hy a truck that went by six hours earlier on a different street. And it wasn't much of a truck anyway.

But it is important to recognize the fragility of life in a violent universe. The nightmare of a mindless mountain of stone and metal guided by the immutable laws of physics toward a catachysmic rendezvous with our lonely outpost of life, a prospect that has long been a staple of science fiction, is real enough. The question is when,

Most asteroids are thought to be the rubble of a planet that never quite formed. They orbit the sun in a region between Mars and Jupiter called the "asteroid belt," where they pose no threat to Earth. Occasionally, however, an aster-oid's orbit may be perturbed by collisions and the gravity of the giant planet Jupi-ter, deflecting it into a more eccentric

orbit that crosses the path of Earth.
Other "Earth-crossing" objects appear to be dead comets whose volatile exterior has evaporated, leaving only a solid core. And then there are comets themselves.

Small asteroids, packing a wallop equivalent to a thousand tons of TNT, slam into Earth every year or so. You rarely hear about them because they disintegrate on impact with the atmosphere. Pieces sometimes reach Earth traveling only at the terminal velocity of a falling stone, occasionally punching a hole in someone's roof. The remarkable fact is that in all of recorded history there is not a single account of anyone being killed by a meteorite.

#### The Celestial Lottery

But early in this century an object exploded in the atmosphere over the Tunguska region of Siberia, leveling dreds of square kilometers of uninhabited forest. It is believed to have been an icy chunk of a comet or a stony asteroid, perhaps 50 meters in diameter If it had exploded over Paris it would have been one of the greatest natural disasters in recorded history.

But the Tunguska explosion and the South Atlantic event 70 years later remind us that Earth's surface is sparsely populated. Most of it is ocean; much of what remains is desolate. Cities occupy a minuscule fraction of Earth's surface.

The greatest concern is with much larger objects, whose shock would be felt around the world. The threshold size to produce such a catastrophe is thought to be about a mile, or 1.6 kilometers. Fortunately, on the scale of buman

life, encounters with such large Earthcrossing objects are extremely rare. In-deed, impacts of objects a mile or more in diameter seem to occur only about once every million years or so — or about as long as humans have existed. But when will the next one hit?

Scientists know how to answer that question. Asteroids larger than a 100 meters or so in diameter can be detected and tracked with relatively modest telescopes; once located, their orbits can be refined using large planetary radars. The laws of celestial mechanics are rigid; if an orbit is

accurately known, any collision with Earth can be foreseen far into the future. A collision would normally be preceded by a series of near misses, giving ample actions and the series of near misses, giving ample actions are series of near misses. warning, (A long-period comet would be tremely rare.) Only a few groups of researchers are cataloguing asteroids. So far price for peace of mind, NASA has not they have found about 60 larger than a yet released the workshop report. mile in diameter that cross Earth's orbit.

Several more are added each month. The largest objects are the easiest to find. It is believed that all the monsters the size of the one that destroyed the dinosaurs have been located. None of the large asteroids discovered thus far poses any threat to Earth, but at this rate it will take centuries to complete the survey.

#### Refining the Odds

On a scale of a million years, a few centuries might seem to be about the right sense of urgency. But 18 months ago the U.S. Congress directed NASA to conduct two workshops on Earth-crossing asteroids. The first gathering, which occurred last summer, was to recomnuscule threat, the Star Warriors would

detection of Earth-crossing asteroids.

The participants, including leading experts on near-Earth objects, proposed a modest program using a half-dozen optical telescopes to identify bodies the University of Maryland. He contribut-

The construction costs would be another matter, but such objects are ex- about \$50 million, with operating costs

#### The Star Warriors

The second workshop was charged with recommending ways to intercept and destroy or deflect Earth-bound asteroids. It was that Los Alamos workshop that turned into a revival meeting for Strategic Defense Initiative true believers

The Star Warriors proposed to defend Earth at stupendous cost against an imagined menace which, if it exists at all, might not threaten Earth for millennia - or thousands of millennia. By that time, civilization - if we haven't de-

mend a program for accelerating the create a vastly greatly hazard of auclear missiles at the ready. Who will protect us from the "nukes forever" mentality?

larger than a mile. Large planetary ra- ed this comment to The New York Times.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Peoples of Indonesia

Regarding the report "Indonesia to Step Up Military Ties With U.S." (Feb. 29): In a region as large as the United States from New York to San Francisco, there are other legitimate national interests than Javanese to be found.

The Javanese can speak for their own island of Java, which represents only 7 percent of Indonesian territory. But they cannot speak for Acheh/Sumatra, East Timor, West Papua, South Moluc-cas and the other countries under their

illegal occupation. It is ironic for a state which claims to lead the nonaligned movement to be begging for U.S. protection. The real reason is not fear of Japan, China or India but fear of the general awakening of Java's colonial subjects. For Javanese Indonesia is a colonial empire fast going the way of the Soviet Union into dissolution. The democratic aspirations of the oppressed races are no longer stoppable.

TENGKU HASAN M. DI TIRO. Norsborg, Sweden.

#### They Also Serve

In response to "But Whom Will We Fight? Frustration at U.S. Army Tank School" (Feb. 4): Si vis pacem para belhim (If you want peace, prepare for war), the Romans said, and that is why we have defense instead of war ministries. U.S. officers should be proud that their readiness saves their country from war.

KAZIMIERZ A. GROCHOLSKI. Zollikon, Switzerland.

#### The Hard-Hat Right

Art Buchwald, in "Pity Poor Red-Baiters" (Jan. 9), mocked the efforts of generations of anti-Communists, But to quote Peregrine Worsthorne of The Sunday Telegraph in London: "It was the right that won the Cold War, and not so much the sophisticated, civilized right as the knee-jerk anti-Communist hard-hat right, without whose hrute prejudices the Cold War never would have been sustained."

JACK JOLIS. Brasschaat, Belgium.

# Try Your Hand at Writing Some Newspaper Ethics

By Richard Harwood

quixotic publication went out of business for lack of support. It was unusual because its subject was journalistic ethics, quixotic because in the news business we are far more interested in examining the ethics of other people than in examining our own.

For that reason alone, I suspect, Fine Line never had a chance. It was created by the former publisher of the

#### MEANWHILE

Louisville newspapers, Barry Bingham Jr., a squeaky clean millionaire who has been sermonizing about newspaper

ethics for more than 20 years. The subject not only hores a lot of people but is regarded by many as oxymoronic. The "unethical" practice for which you are fired at one paper will get you a bonus and a journalism prize at another. Lawyers muddy our waters. They shudder at the dangers posed by formal codes of ethics: The mere existence of a code can weaken the defense against libel, slander, invasion of privacy and other sins committed under the sheltering arms of

the First Amendment.
Ethical niceties can get in the way of a Big Story, hohhling the newsroom sleuth who, to catch a thief, may feel compelled to lie or thieve a little bit himself. We have the example of the Arizona reporter who replaced a hired

hit man and negotiated a murder contract with an unsuspecting employer. Fine Line dealt with sins and misdemeanors of this sort as well as the

very complicated and challenging ethical dilemmas we encounter routinely in this odd husiness of news.

A newspaper in Minkata, Minneso-ta, published a big story about a l-year-old boy who needed a kidney transplant. His uninsured medical costs had reached more than \$100,000. The money poured in. Local businesses sponsored special events. There were Tupperware parties and balloon rallies. The operation was performed and, presumably, everyone was happy.

But what happens when a family in the same fix calls the next day, then another family and another and another and another? Was the family you helped the most accdy? Was their child the sickest? Were the donations

WASHINGTON — A couple of months ago an unusual and fund-raiser for every needy family in town? Do you, as Fine Line put it, "play God" and say one fund-raiser a year is your limit? Or are you morally

obliged to treat all comers alike? The Charlotte, North Carolina, Observer had an interesting problem. A reporter turned up in the newspaper's files the name of a man who had recently become a candidate for a minor office in a small town. He was identified in the 10-year-old clipping as a Ku Klux Klan member. The reporter called him. He admitted that he had been involved with the Klan years ago, but he begged the paper not to use the information. It would mean

tertain defeat in the election. That seems like an easy call: Of course you use it. But there was more to the story. A representative of the Anti-Defamation League showed up at the newspaper office and revealed that the "Klansman" was, in reality, an FBI informer. If that fact is published, the paper was told, the man is likely to be killed. The Observer, fearful of being scooped by another paper, had to make a decision. What would you do? A 14-year-old boy, Jody Collins,

gave a schoolmate a punch in the back. It caused the schoolmate's artificial beart valve to malfunction. The boy died of "a broken heart." Jody had been unaware of his schoolmate's ailment, but he was charged, as a juvenile, with involuntary manslaughter. Juveniles ordinarily are protected from publicity by laws and by custom.

The Des Moines Register not only printed bis name hut reported in considerable detail on a sex abuse case in which Jody had been involved four years earlier. The paper said it acted to satisfy public interest in the case. Denni Elliott, a Dartmouth University ethicist, accused the paper of "lynching" the boy.

Do you kill a story when its subject threatens suicide? Do you identify U.S. senators revealed by gay rights organizations to be bomosexual? Are there military secrets you would or would not publish? Given the choice of shooting a great picture or saving a life, what would you do? We never know from one day to the next. Our ethics are situational; adaptable, flexible, as solidly fixed as quicksilver.

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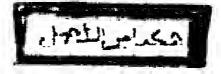
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### Seagram Takes Its Lumps In Fizzled Soda Venture

By Eben Shapiro New York Times Service

EW YORK - Seagram Co. has become the latest marketing giant to be taught a painful and expensive lesson by the soft-drink business. Faced with steadily declining consumption of its Scotch and gin in the United States, Seagram in 1989 bought Soho Beverages, then the

hottest brand in the fast-growing natural-soda business. For Soho, started in 1977 on a kitchen table by Sophia Collier of Brooklyn, the sale, for an estimated \$14 million, was the payoff in a classic entrepreneurial success story. With its distinctive checkerboard packaging and all-natural appeal, Soho developed a following in many cities and on college campuses.

But for Seagram, it was the start of a series of missteps.

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For Soho, the sale was the payoff in an entrepreneurial

success story.

tribution. The effort finally ended in January, when Scagram sold Soho to a small group of in-

vestors for a fraction of what it paid three years ago. Seagram's experience demonstrates the problems that large corporations often encounter when they buy a small business and impose their blueprint for aggressive national expansion.

Seagram joins a list of premier marketers that have been enticed by the seemingly easy profits to be had from bottling a few cents' worth of sugar, flavoring and water and selling it for oearly \$1. Others that have pulled out of the soft-drink business include Philip Morris, RJR Nabisco and Procter & Gamble.

Seagram executives declined to talk about Soho. Edgar Bronfman Jr., president and chief operating officer, said, "We are a large company and we should be operating large businesses." Soft-drink specialists say Seagram's mistakes with Soho began shortly after it bought the company, when it reduced the bottle size to 10 ounces (295 milliliters) from 12 ounces, effectively

raising the price of an already expensive soda.

HAT OUTRAGED the distributors who are vital to the success of a soft drink's marketing. Compounding the problem, Seagram followed the bottling change with a separate price increase. The 10-ounce bottles now sell for about

The company also tinkered with the flavor of four Soho drinks. "People don't like people who tamper with their flavors," said Thomas E. Cox, a soft-drink executive who put together the

group that bought Soho from Seagram. Seagram also upset the patchwork of distributors that Soho had carefully assembled around the country. The mom-and-pop distributors took an active role in marketing Soho, arranging for it to be given away at street fairs, jazz festivals and hicycle races.

Seagram dropped many of the small distributors in favor of large liquor wholesalers. But liquor salespeople, accustomed to earning a commission of up to \$100 for writing an order for a case of Scotch, were not inclined to spend hours setting up displays in delis to earn a \$12 commission on a case of soda.

Seagram's ineptness puzzled many in the business. "We kind of found ourselves scratching our head over what Seagram's did," said Ray Hughes, chief financial officer of Soho Beverages Inc., the Reston, Virginia, company that acquired Soho.

Finally, Seagram's timing was bad. When it bought Soho, the sodas were the toast of the town. But Soho's success attracted many competitors, and trendy urban customers are quick to shift to new brands. Now, Clearly Canadian, a Canadian soda, is the most sought-after brand in the alternative soda business: Ms. Collier, who started Soho when she was 21 and later sold it

to Seagram, now says Soho was better off as a small, independent tting the money, but in hindsight, I would bave not sold it to them," she said.

Ms. Collier, who is not in the group that bought the company, has soured on the idea of large corporations buying small, entrepreneurial firms. "It's kind of like younger women and older men," she said. "While there are certain reasons for the relationship, there are certain problems too."

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Returning To Health

The Associated Press NEW YORK - Prudential Insurance Co. of America reported sharply improved 1991 results Wednesday, bolstered by strong gains on investments and a dramatic turnaround at its brokerage

unit, Prudential Securities Inc. The largest U.S. insurer said its capital base, an important measure of an insurer's financial health, rose \$1.7 billion, to \$9.7 billioo. The chairman and chief executive, Robert C. Winters, called the gain "an impressive accomplishment considering the weak economy and the tough challenges for financial services

firms" last year.
Prudential is a mutual insurer, owned by policyholders rather than shareholders. It is not required to calculate financial results using generally accepted ac-counting principles that would show revenue, profit or loss.

Prudential Securities earned

\$201 million last year, compared with a \$259 million loss in 1990. Comptroller Eugene O'Hara said the brokerage was the most sig-nificant contributor among Prudential's operating units to the company's overall results. The unit's revenue rose 20 per-

cent to \$2.8 billion.

By Richard E. Smith
International Herald Tribune
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# Prudential U.S. Orders Show Weakness **But Sales of Existing Homes Rise Strongly**

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK -A slight but unexpected decline in orders for U.S. durable goods during February was reported Wednesday by the Commerce De-partment, reinforcing the sober view among economic forecasters and financial markets of a slug-

The 0.1 percent fall was led by a decline of 19.4 percent in defense orders, which swing even more widely than usual in the current dispute over how much to cut Pentagon spending but nevertheless have declined in three of the past four months.

Excluding defense, civilian orders rose 1.3 percent, the second solid monthly gain after a decline throughout the fourth quarter. Nevertheless, mili-tary spending accounts for anywhere from 5 per-cent to 10 percent of all durable-goods orders, and Neal Soss, chief economist at First Boston, said defense cuts would be "a big burden" on the U.S. economy for several years.

The overall figures, Mr. Soss added, "suggest that an economic rebound is not likely to run away with itself." Kathleen Camilli, economist at Maria Ramirez Capital Consultants, said orders "are not growing by leaps and bounds, as would be the case if this were a full-fledged recovery."

Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors said last month's sales of existing homes were 9.3 percent higher than January's and 16.1 percent higher than in February 1991. But the latest figure compared with the tense period of last year's Gulf War and reflected the Federal Reserve Board's aggressive out in interest rates in December, which is unlikely to be repeated. Sharp cuts in mortgage rates stimulated sales early this year, but rates

started rising again last month. Financial markets added this evidence of slow growth to Tuesday's report of a decline in new car sales in mid-March to an anemic annual level of 5.8 million, down from a 6 million rate early in the month. But they took it all in stride, partly because interest rates remained subdued in two days of Treasury auctions, dampening fears that a sudden spike in rates might out off the fragile recovery.

Tuesday's auction of \$14.8 billion of two-year notes was oversubscribed almost three times and sold at a low yield of 5.85 percent.

On Wednesday, demand was strong again for the Treasury's offer of \$10.25 billion in five-year notes, which was oversubscribed two and one-half times. That held yields down to 6.94 percent, a small rise from 6.75 percent in the last five-year

auction, one month ago.

The successful bond auctions did as much to set the tone of the markets as the equivocal statistics, which led David C. Munro of High Frequency Economics to warn that oews items would have erratic impacts on financial markets.

#### ■ Executives More Optimistic

Business executives are more optimistic about sales and profits in the second quarter than they were in the first three months of the year, according to a survey released Wednesday. The Associat-

ed Press reported.

The poli of 3,000 manufacturing, retailing, wholesaling and services executives came a month after purchasing managers said they saw manufacturing growing in February.

Dun & Bradstreet said its sales optimism index

for the second quarter rose 12 points compared with the first quarter, to 52. The profits index moved up nine points to 44. The indexes are calculated by subtracting the percentage of executives expecting a decrease from the percentage

themselves to a longer-term prob- group of 17 Western creditor na-

the outcome of talks scheduled

next week between the former Sovi-

et republics and the Paris Club, the

tions that deal with debt owed to

governments. These will be fol-

lowed in April with talks on coodi-

tions for entry by the republics into the International Monetary Fund.

there then could be broader coop-

cration among all involved parties

to search for new approaches.
"Everyone sees that it is going to

be a long-term process," be said, "and no one can expect miracles."

The Western official stressed

that all indications so far pointed

to good faith on the part of trade

bank officials, but he ooted that

funds were tight and that there

were immense areas of uncertainty.

Deutsche Bank and Credit Lyon-

nais, will be asking how new for-

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debtors are now paying only about

30 percent of interest coming due,

down from about 50 percent six

weeks ago. The debtors are techni-

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The overall debt burden totals \$65 billion to \$70 billion, with the majority owed to or guaranteed by

governments and roughly ooe-

Officials at the foreign economic

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Western banks say former Soviet

The bankers' committee, led by

The banker said he hoped that

# Voicing Doubts, **EC Investigates Perrier Deal**

By Charles Goldsmith International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The EC Commissioo lannched a full inquiry Wednesday into the takeover of Source Perrier SA of France by Nestle SA of Switzerland, saying it had "serious doubts" about the deal's compatibility with EC and-

trust rules.
The 15.3 billion French franc (\$2.7 billion) takeover, which was announced Toesday io Paris, would give the merged concern more than 50 percent of the French market for bottled water, the com-

"What you end up with if this merger went ahead is two companies dominating the French bottled-water market," said an EC competition official. "We're not yet sure whether this would create serious competition problems, but our initial thoughts are that it probably

The decision by the commission, the European Community's execu-ove arm, appeared to clash with a statement Tuesday by Nestle that it expected an inquiry because of the complexity of the plan, but that an investigation was unlikely to jeopardize the deal.

that payments on \$1.7 billion in

bonds will be kept up to date. This is

especially important because any lapses could lead to embarrassing

lawsints by individual bondholders. In the meantime, Western bank-

ers will try to assess what resources

pay without hurting growth pros-pects," said the Western official,

adding that Western banks would be ill-advised to demand too much

On the other hand, many bank-

ers fear that considerable foreign

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Many Western bankers bave

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Bankers were especially encour-

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Under an EC mergers law that took effect in 1990, the commission has four months to approve the deal, veto it or approve it with modifications. The in-depth inquiry will include interviews with conmers, distributors and retailers.

The investigation follows an initial one-month study of Nestle's takeover bid, which found "serious doubts as to its compatibility with the Common Market," the commission said.

In a series of decisions, the commission has emphasized that EC antitrust law can be breached through market dominance in just one country, or even a clearly defined geographical area within a country. The EC Mergers Task Force has sought to restructure deals in order to correct competition problems, rather than to veto them outright.

The only transaction to be wholly blocked was the proposed takeover of the De Havilland aircraft manufacturer by Aerospatiale SA of France and Alenia SpA of Italy.

"You've got a range of fix-it-first remedies," said Barry Hawk, a competition lawyer in the Brussels office of the Skadden, Arps law firm. "One common remedy is to require some sort of spinoff or divestiture to a third party, usually part of the ac-quired company's assets."

Besides its world-famous came-

sake brand, Perrier's mineral waters in France include the Vichy and Contrexeville brands. Nestlé has the Vittel brand in France. As part of the merger deal, Nestlé agreed to sell Volvic, a Perrier brand marketed in France, to the French food company BSN for about 3.1 billion francs.

A spokesman at Nestlè headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland, said Wednesday that the company remains optimistic that the deal will go through as planned."
"If there were serious obstacles, we are flexible people," be said.

The commission said the unique circumstances of the bottled-water

market made the combined Nestle-Perrier market share in France very troubling.

"We're dealing with something that comes from springs in the ground, so it's a product with finite the traditional channel of the trade

tioned how space flights can still be launched when interest payments resources," said one official. "It's also a market where you need big As a result, some bankers indibrands and heavy resources to procate that they want to keep close mote those hrands, which is just watch on developments quarter by what Perrier has done." quarter rather than immediately erant longer-term debt moratori-

#### ■ Suez Head Sees Links ums. This allows them to keep communication channels open as well

Nestlé and BSN might become sharcholders in Compagnie Financière de Suez as a result of the pact to settle the Perrier battle, Suez's managing director, Patrick Pon-solle, told Agence France-Presse.

Commeoting oo the Perrier struggle, in which Sucz supported Nestle, he noted that the biggest shareholder in Perrier, the Exor group, held 2.3 percent of Suez.

Given the links that were established between Suez, Credit Agricole, Nestle and BSN during the

Perrier affair, it is clear that our partners will be there to give Suez a hand financially in the future," Mr. Ponsolle said.

# As the Profit Machine Slows Down, Japan Rethinks the Product Cycle

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The committee, made up of 12 banks that represent some 600 oth-

er Western banks, has held three

sessions since early December with

But they will primarily be trying officials of the former Soviet Bank to begin the search for longer-term of Foreign Economic Affairs.

By Steven Brull

TOKYO - Since 1979, when Sony Corp. invented the Walkman, the company has developed 227 different models, or about one every three the same period, Toyota Motor Corp. introduced 72 distinct vehicles, an average of one every 10

The knack of Japanese companies to expand market share by unleashing salvos of swiftly developed products, all packed with the latest bells and whistles,.

has been a hallmark of the country's industrial excellence, and one that foreign rivals have sought most desperately to copy. Now, however, with economie weakness at home pruning profits and the prospect of continued growth in overseas markets butt-

ing up against political limits, corporate Japan is beginning to slow down. "We have decided not to go ahead with what seem to be mi-nor model changes," the Sony

president, Norio Ohga, said re-The slowdown represents a taming of the Japanese economic juggernaut that could provide a short-term respite for Western

competitors. But analysis say that over the long hand, the moves to longer and leaner product lineups will allow Japanese companies to deploy their re-sources more efficiently, making them tougher competitors in the

trumpet a firm decision for fear of tipping off its competitors and possibly annoying consumers. But longer cycles are likely to become apparent gradually as new models come up for rede-

clearer, however, in stating their intention to reduce the oumber of variations offered oo individual models. Toyota, for example, is cutting back the oumber of

"It will make companies more variations on its oew Corona profitable and free up resources model in Japan from 11 to 6. "It will make companies more

for research," said Steve Usher, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson Consumer-electronics companies are also streamlining their product lineups by 20 percent to Securities. Automakers, for ex-30 percent and slowing product development cycles similarly. ample, would use the savings to develop more environmentally benign cars that can use alterna-The moves are part of a broader sourt by Jan cycled, he added.

from an emphasis oo market share to profitability, a change With Trade Ministry encouragement, Japanese automakers are talking about extending the driven largely by economic octime between model changes With the slowdown deepening from four years to five, compared with six for the Big Three

Western Banks Seek New Strategy on Ex-Soviets

solutions as the area's worsening Those sessions tended to focus oo where we must ask bow we will go debt and economic problems: short-term solutions in the hope on," said one official, who request-

debt and economic problems short-term solutions in the for-steadily assume a new dimension, that the economic crisis in the for-that the economic crisis in the for-

least become better understood.

Neither has happened, however,

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lem requiring a more broad-rang-

ing approach.
We have come to the point

in Japan and overseas markets remaining sluggish, manufactur-ers are about to enter a third straight year of declining profits, unprecedented in the postwar era. Major manufacturers, such as Toshiba Corp. and Toyota, are slashing capital spending for the year beginning April 1. Re-search and development budgets

are declining.

The trend reflects government nudging of companies to go easier on foreign competitors, which also are hurting, and to help trim Japan's rising trade surplus.

Extending product cycles can have a big impact oo earnings. In the automobile industry, for example, the first year of a fouryear cycle is barely profitable; companies must write off buse investments in development and retooling that account for about one-third of unit costs.

Second-year profits are slightly better, but still limited by am-The earmakers have been ortization expenses. The third year is the big payoff, but profits decline again in the fourth year as sales volumes slump. "If you extend the cycle by one

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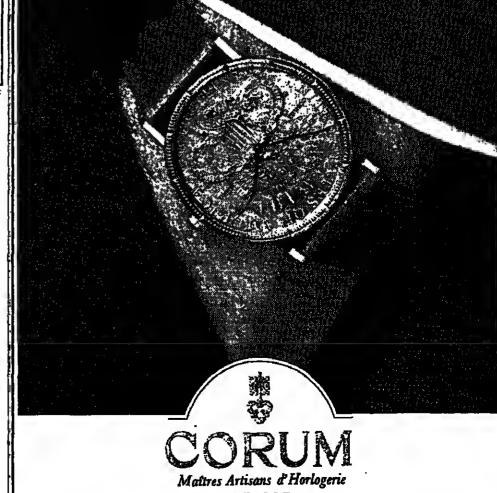
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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ended lower Wednesday on the gish economy." New York Stock Exchange after

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#### N.Y. Stocks

Tuesday, declined 1.57 to 3,259.39. Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 9-to-8 margin. Volume was an active 192 million shares, unchanged from Tuesday, but traders attributed much of the volume

to program trading. Among the broader market gauges, the Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 1.36 to 407.52, and the NYSE composite index fell 0.49 to 225.40.

"It was like pulling the rug out from under the market," said Joseph Barthel, director of investment strategy at Fahnestock & Co. at \$15 a share. in Great Neck, New York, refer-AT&T followed, climbing 1¼ to in Great Neck, New York, referring to the late wave of computerdriven sell programs that knocked rising ½ to 23½. out a nearly 13-point gain on the Among some Dow shortly before the close.

said. "People are not certain about the direction of the economy. What

the mixed economic reports are NEW YORK — Share prices saying is we're dealing with a slug-

Durable-goods orders fell 0.1 percent in February compared with a

forecast increase of 1 percent and a The Dow Jones industrial aver- 2.4 percent revised gain in January. U.S. Treasuries were little changed in late New York trade after firming earlier ahead of the \$10.25 billion auction of five-year notes, which came in as expected, The long bond was up 3/32 at 100,20-21, with a yield of 7.94 per-

> Analysts said that if bond yields stayed below 8 percent, cash could flow back to equities with competitive dividend yields.

Coltec Industries Inc. paced the Big Board actives, closing at 18 on its initial trading. The 38.5 millionshare offering of common stock of the New York-based aerospace and automotive-parts maker was priced

40%. American Express was third, Among some of the blue chips

IBM was unchanged at 8514, Philip "Markets are still nervous," he Morris rose % to 76% and Merck was unchanged at 150.

# **Dollar Loses Ground** After Poor U.S. Data

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar fin-

ished lower on Wednesday after a sluggish session during which it \$1,7320, after \$1.7195. swas weakened by poor U.S. economic data.

"The market is just 1. d of bearish," said Jay Tucker, a dealer at

# Foreign Exchange

First Boston. "The economic figures were not very dependable."

The Commerce Department reported that factory orders for durable goods fell 0.1 percent in February, against expectations of an increase. The impact was partly offset by a 9.3 percent surge in existing home sales in February, after a 1.5 percent decline in January.

The dollar finished at 1.6520 Deutsche marks, after 1.6638 on Tuesday, and at 130,500 yen, after 133,550.

"Everyone is waiting for the technicale to break on one side or the other," said Katherine Roth, a vice president at the New York branch of Belgium's Société Générale de Banque,

She said a critical support zone was now 1.6450 DM or 1.6400, and that the dollar seemed "to be looking for bad news." Traders expected U.S. weekly jobless claims and revised gross domestic product fig-

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the way of cues. The British pound rose to The dollar ended the day at

1.5015 Swiss francs, compared with 1.5135, and at 5.6020 French francs, compared with 5.6435. Earlier, in London, the disap-

pointing report on the U.S. durable goods drove the dollar lower as ealers remained uncertain about the strength of the upturn in the United States.

In late trading, the dollar stood at 1.6530 DM, down from 1.6660 on Tuesday, and at 133.60 yen, down from 133.75. Traders said the dollar had been

hit by aggressive selling from a Southeast Asian central-bank speculator, which was dumping dollar/mark but huying mark/yen and dollar/yen. This helped the mark climb to 80.82 yen from 80.37. The dollar then found good support for most of the day, under-pinned against the yen thanks to

speculative buying and expecta-tions of an imminent cut in the Bank of Japan's discount rate, only to slide again when the durablegoods data were released. The pound rose to \$1.7295 from

The dollar dropped to 1.5030 Swiss francs, from 1.5145, and to 5.6125 French francs, from 5.6550.

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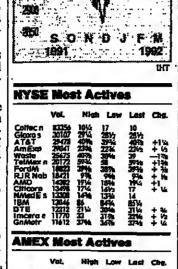
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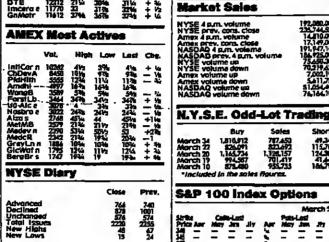
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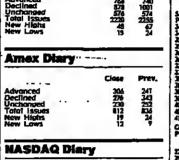
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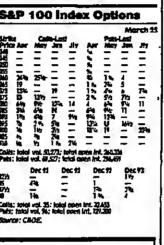
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# Swedish Bank Loss Grows

STOCKHOLM -- Sparbanken Forsta AB reported Wednesday a loss on credits of 5.7 billion kronor (\$945 million) for 1991, well above earlier forecasts, raising new worries about the stability of

In October, the government guaranteed a loan of 3.8 billion kronor as a part of a restructuring plan for the savings bank after it forecast losses of 4.5 billion kronor for the year — about 2 percent of outstanding loans. The actual loss equaled about 11 percent of loans. On Wednesday, the assistant finance minister, Bo Lundgren, said further steps to strengthen the bank and to safeguard the country's

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financial system would be needed, but gave no details.

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# Procter & Gamble Selling Pulp Units

CINCINNATI (Combined Dispatches) — Procter & Gamble Co. said
Wednesday that it intended to sell its pulp business, including a cotton
linters pulp plant in Memphis and wood-pulp plants in Oglethorpe,
Georgia; Perry, Florida, and Grande Prairie, Alberta.
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Timber assets in Georgia and Florida, as well as sawmills in Georgia and Alberta, also will be offered for sale. The company said it had retained the investment bank Goldman, Sachs & Co. to advise it on the sale.

Chairman Edwin L. Artzt said the pulp business was expected to generate \$800 million in sales in the financial year ending in June. Company officials would not estimate what price the business might

# Kodak Joins 4 Japan Firms on Camera

ROCHESTER, New York (AP) - Eastman Kodak Co. said Wednesday that it was working with four Japanese manufacturers — Canon Inc.,
Fuji Photo Film Co., Minolta Camera Co. and Nikon Corp. — to develop.

a new film and camera system. Kodak said the project involved "advanced silver-halide photographic systems that could provide enhanced benefits and flexibility of use," but systems that could provide enhanced benefits and Hexibility of use, but declined to discuss details or say when new products might be introduced.

Industry observers have speculated that Kodak is developing a 35mm film that is cheaper to produce, better for the environment and produced on a thinner base. The thinner base would let Kodak make small certainly that around the control of the country of the count cartridges that would fit into compact cameras.

### Ford Predicts an Earnings Rebound

DETROIT (Renters) - Ford Motor Co. predicted Wednesday that its . 1992 earnings would be substantially better than in 1991, when it posted a record loss, of \$2.3 billion.

But the carmaker said in its annual report that the expected improvement depended on the economy recovering from the long shump that made 1991 the worst year ever for the domestic auto industry.

Meanwhile, Ford said that William Hayden would retire as chairman of its Jaguar Cars unit. Ford bought Jaguar in 1989 for \$2.7 billion. The Jaguar vice chairman, Nicholas Scheele, will succeed Mr. Hayden when he steps down March 31.

#### U.S. and EC Spar Over Services Rules GENEVA (Reuters) — The United States defended a proposal Wednesday to exclude its services such as banking and telecommunications from free trade rules, challenging critics to open their own markets to foreign competition.

The proposal has come under criticism at the Uruguay Round of world trade talks here, but a U.S. negotiator, Rufus Yerxa, said Washington believed such an approach was the only way to achieve a balanced

An EC delegate to the talks, Jonathon Scheele, said that under current circumstances there was "little likelihood" of reaching a services agreement acceptable to the Community.

# Honda Recalls 400,000 U.S. Accords

DETROIT (AP) — American Honda Motor Co. said Wednesday that it was recalling about 400,000 1982-85 Accords because of possible fuel

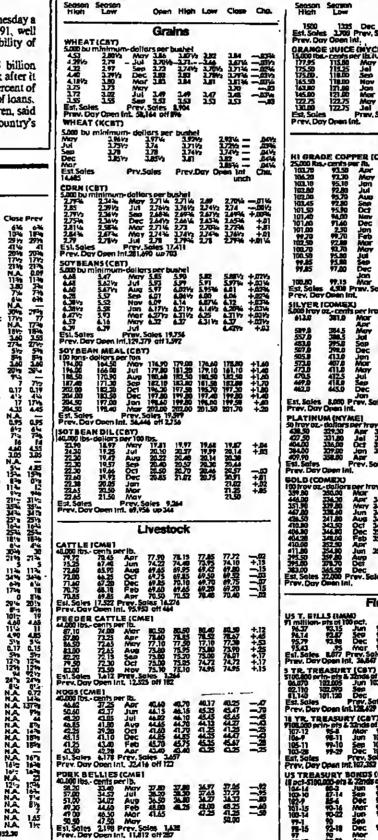
The U.S. unit of Honda Motor Co. of Japan said that if the protective coating on the cars' fuel filters or breather pipes was damaged, salt water could accumulate and cause pipes to rust. That could lead to a leak when the gas tank was filled.

# Zale Gets \$470 Million in Financing

DALLAS (AP) — A U.S. bankruptcy judge approved Wednesday \$470 million in interim financing for Zale Corp., America's largest jewelry

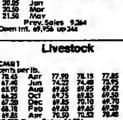
The financing from Chemical Bank will allow Zale to pay for opera-tions, buy new merchandise and run its credit-card operations: Zale filed for bankruptcy protection in January.

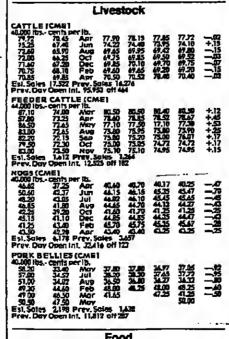
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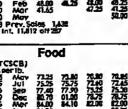


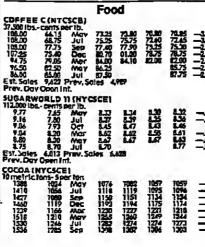


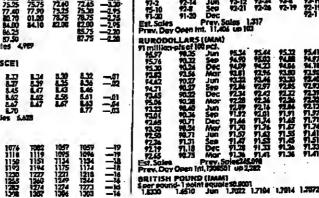


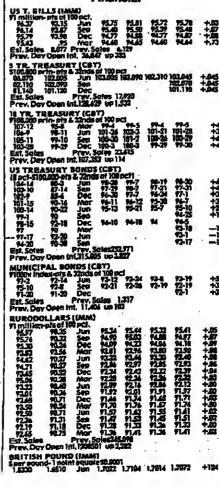




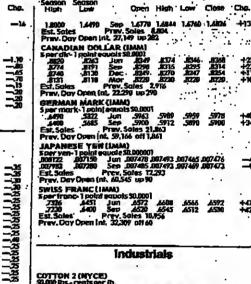




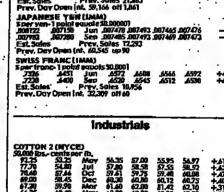


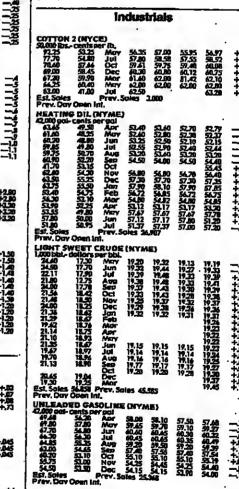


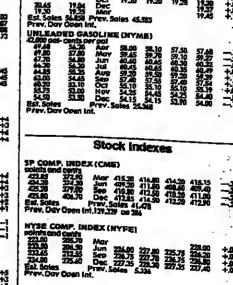
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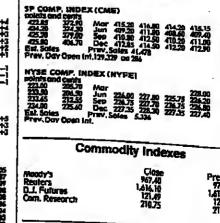


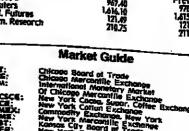














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Paris Says Ailing La Cinq On Its Own



# Stepping Into Pan Am's Old Shoes, Delta Is Stepping Out in Europe

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New York Times Service Fly Delta Air Lines from Munich or Frankfurt to New York? It is not the first airline that Germans think of, for Delta has not

been a household word in Europe. Since taking over most of Pan American World Airway's routes to Europe last summer, however, the U.S. carrier has spent heavily to become a competitor in that market, and industry experts are optimistic the investment will

pay off over the long term. There's more to be done in terms of identity," said Harold Achtziger, vice president of in-ternational operations at Delta. Once we get the message out on how big our route structure is, then people will become en-

Delta began service to 21 for-mer Pan Am trans-Atlantic destinations on Nov. 1, a time of year when international traffic normally falls. The recession has pushed traffic down even further. Combined with heavy spending on retraining employees, re-furbishing terminals and other start-up costs, great pressure was put on earnings. Delta's operating loss for the quarter ended Dec. 31 totaled \$236.8 million; the net

"It's taken a lot to train people to our way of doing business." Mr. Achtziger said.

Since the start-up costs were higher than expected, the results were of concern to some analysis. Rose Ann Tortora, an airline analyst at County NatWest, increased her estimate of Delta's

Delta has raised concern among such carriers as Lufthansa and Alitalia.

losses for the year ending in June to \$1.50 a share from \$1.00. So far, international bookings for all airlines have remained discouraging, with carriers, includ-ing Delta, offering a free companion ticket to those who travel to Europe. Some carriers cut

fares by 10 percent this month to stimulate bookings. Whether the resistance to travel will continue into the peak summer season is uncertain since many book at the last minute.

There is little doubt that Delta's acquisition of the Pan Am routes will eventually prove to be, highly profitable. Frankfurt is considered to be a desirable hub.

Delta has raised concern among such carriers as Lufthansa and Alitalia, both because its strong domestic system in the United States gives it the ability to feed its international flights and because its healthy balance sheet enables it to expand.

For now, however, Delia's start-up costs will continue to take a bite out of earnings. During the quarter ending this month, its expenses to service passengers have risen 37 percent over the comparable period last year, Ms. Tortora said. "If the implementation is suc-cessful," she added, "they will

get the offsetting revenues, and they will make money." Still, European carriers have also become aggressive in pre-paring for the greater competition in their market. They have ordered oew aircraft, started oew routes and are upgrading what are considered some of the best in-flight services even further.

Most also are cutting back on

their top-heavy management and

getting cost savings from their

# JAPAN: Companies Slow Down Their Product Cycles

(Continued from first finance page)

year, you get the third year twice,"
Mr. Usher said. "They'll make a lot
more money."
The streamlining of product line-

loss totaled \$187.6 million.

ups will likewise save consumerelectronics companies huge sums that can be redirected in part toward development of liquid crystal displays, high-definition televisions and other high value-added goods that will further entrench their po-sition against European and South

Korean competitors. The Japanese electronics market has loog served as a bloated testing ground for electronics companies, with only the most successful ideas being exported. But the process has

been extremely wasteful.
For example, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., the world's biggest consumer-electronies company, sells about 20 different types of francs (\$152 million), from 734 milseven times as many as it markets company made an extraordinary overseas. The company also makes gain of 294 million francs. about 60 different types of televi-Sales grew 4.5 percent, to 25 sions for the domesne market, but stillion frames from 24.4 billion.

just 10 models comprise the bulk of

Analysts note that the attempt by carmakers to placate foreign orange of the market in Southeast Asia, where as much as two-thirds of global auto-industry growth will come this decade. neck product development and cut-

of the U.S. auto market, for example, and an agreement with the Eu-

CMB Packaging Posts Strong Rise in Profit

PARIS — CMB Packaging SA said Wednesday that 1991 net profit rose 16 percent to 852 million vacuum cleaners in Japan, nearly lion francs a year earlier, when the

Sales grew 4.5 percent, to 25.5

ropean Community that could give it 16 percent of that market by 1999. Japanese carmakers also have

Further gains in market share rate prices won the companies huge positions in foreign markets.

Japan now has about one-third ime has come to shift gears, said Kenneth S. Courtis, senior economist at Deutsche Bank Capital Markets (Asia).

"They've got the European and North American car companies on the defensive and they'll be getting huge volume increases from East Asia," Mr. Courtis said. "Now they can move to raise prices."

The move to longer product cycles will also spell fewer opportunities for foreign parts companies trying to become ensconced as suppliers to Japanese companies.

"As you lengthen the cycle time, you lengthen the time it will take to get new suppliers into the oet-width a Toyota official said.

# Czechs Clear EC Fines Bank Groups \$250 Million On Eurocheque Fees Truck Deal

PRAGUE—The Czech regional government approved on Wednes-day a \$250 million joint venture between Mercedes-Benz AG of Germany and two local truck mak-

ers, Avia and Liaz. Mercedes will invest 7 billion koruny (\$250 million) in Liaz and Avia, the regional industry minister, Jan Vrha, told the official

CSTK news agency.

To scope, the venture is as important as the Skoda-Volkswagen deal," Mr. Vrba said. By the end of the century, Volkswagen AG is to invest more than \$5 billion to take over the Czechoslovak carmaker Skoda. It has also coocluded a deal with a Slovak carmaker, BAZ.

A government official told Czechoslovak radio that a final deal with Mercedes, a unit of Daimler-Benz AG, should be signed by mid-year and trucks should start rolling off the assembly lines within six months after the

A letter of intent for the threeway deal between Mercedes, Liaz -which specializes in heavy trucks - and the light truck maker Avia was signed in January. Avia chose Mercedes as a partner over France's Renault, whose light Sa-viem vehicles it has been making

under license since the late 1960s. The Avia part of the deal then came under sharp criticism of cooditions set by Mercedes, which reportedly demanded a 40 per cent import duty on other companies' utility trucks, tax concessions and

export subsidies. But Vrba said duties oo foreign trucks would be 18 per cent.

PARIS - The French government denied

Wednesday that it had blocked a rescue bid by Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian media magnate, for

the bankrupt private TV station La Cinq, and effectively washed its hands of the channel's fate.

"One must be equitable and not turn this into a government affair," Communications Minister George Kiejman told reporters. "A solution can only come from the private sector."

Mr. Berlusconi co-founded La Cinq. France's first private TV station, in 1985 and owns 25 percent of the station through his Reteitalia SpA.

But on Tuesday, after an attempt to obtain financ-

ing for a hailout of the station, he said he was

withdrawing his plan because government pressure on banks had created insurmountable obstacles.

BRUSSELS - The EC Commis- that can be written out in the cur-

son fined a French banking associsation 5 million Ecus (\$6.2 million)
on Wednesday for charging excessive fees for handling Eurocheques, the only type of check banks issue. a form of check that is widely used Separately, the Community launched a campaign to break The executive body also imposed down banking practices that make a fine of 1 million European Curcross-border payments between EC rency Units on Eurocheque Intercountries slow, expensive and in-

national, a Brussels-based company that runs a club of 7,000 banks The EC competition commissionthat issue or accept Eurocheques. er, Sir Leon Brittan, issued an "EC A spokesman for the commis-sion said that the French banking that consumers should demand association Groupement des from banks, such as a frank and Cartes Bancaires, known by its ac-rooym CB, and Eurocheque Inter-

He outlined a program aiming to nanonal had violated EC free-com-pention rules by agreeing that CB throughout the Community as banks could charge a fee for cash-"cheap, quick and reliable as the "cheap, quick and reliable as the best of those inside any member ing Eurocheques accepted by retail state today."

He said, "Our research indicates The consumer already was being He said, "Our research indicates charged for using the checks and the that sending funds across frontiers agreement to impose an additional can be 20 times more expensive than levy on retailers was in breach of an moving them within one country." EC ban on restrictive business prac-

Sir Leon listed examples of glartices, the commission said.

The CB said it would appeal the the Belgian who had to pay a 213 fine, and Eurocheque International franc (\$6.60) postage bill to a Lux-embourg publisher; bank charges
About 47 million people use Eur-

#### **EC Backs Mars on Ice Cream Sales**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission on Wednesday ordered the two iggest German ice-cream makers, Languese-Iglo GmbH and Schöller ebensmittel GmhH & Co., to let retailers sell Mars Inc. ice cream bars. "With immediate effect," the commission said, "Languese and Schöller may oo longer require their tied retailers in Germany to sell only their ice cream." Mars had complained to the commission that contracts forcing retailers to buy ice cream exclusively from the two companies were

damaging the sale of its ice-cream bars in Germany. The temporary order will remain in effect until year-end, during the commissioo's investigation into the Mars complaint. (Reuters, AFP)

Mr. Kiejman denied there had been any such

The government will remain attentive to any

solutions which may develop. But it is clear we

cannot pull a magic solution out of a hat like a

The court-appointed administrator, Hubert La-font, told La Cinq's 620 staff on Tuesday there was only a one-in-1,000 chance of rescuing the loss-making channel after Mr. Berluscon's withdrawal. He said a decision would be taken when the

three-month grace period expired on April 3. La Cinq's liabilities are estimated at 3.6 billion francs

Shares in France's biggest private television station, TF1, jumped 6.50 francs to 399.80 francs in high volume Wednesday, on prospects of more

advertising if La Cinq were liquidated.

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#### Very briefly:

 Italy has postponed for 30 days any decision to set in motion a massive privatization program because of oext month's general elections.

• Svenska Cellulosa AB, the Swedish forestry group, said profit last year after financial items fell 42 percent to 1.225 billion kronor (\$2032) million), while sales rose 5 percent to 32.76 billion kronor.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton PLC will buy paper businesses in Britain and the United States from Bunzl PLC for £10.2 million (\$17.5 million).

• Cookson Group PLC, the ceramics, ehemicals and metals company, said pretax profit plunged to £45 million last year from £97 million. Sales also tumbled to £1.31 billion from £1.94 billion.

L'Oréal's president, Lindsay Owen-Jones, forecast that the oet profit increase for last year would be closer to 20 percent than 15 percent, following profit of 1.8 billion francs (\$319 million) after minority interests in 1990; results are due in the first half of next month.

. Bayerische Hypotheken & Wechselbank said that profit rose in the first two months of this year but that it did not foresee a repeat of the 20 percent-plus profit growth it reported for 1991.

• Italy's budget deficit will be about 160 trillion lire (\$128 billion), 32 trillion more than forecast, unless corrective measures are taken, the head of the state auditor's office has warned.

### Hungarian Insurer Buys State Bonds

BUDAPEST - The Finance Ministry and Allami Biztosito Rt., the country's biggest insurer, have struck a deal for AB to buy 5 hillion forints (\$62 million) worth of fixed-rate state bonds in a private placement.

The accord calls for AB, in which the Dutch insurer Aegon NV agreed this month to take a 75 percent stake, to buy the bonds in December, AB and government officials said Wednesday. The AB investment director. Istvan Narai, said the par priced bonds would have a 10-year maturity and an 18 percent coupon to be paid semiannually.

Although annual consumer-price inflation ran at 25.8 percent in February, AB is counting on the bonds to provide an attractive yield in the long term as inflation slows.

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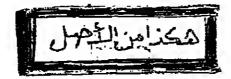
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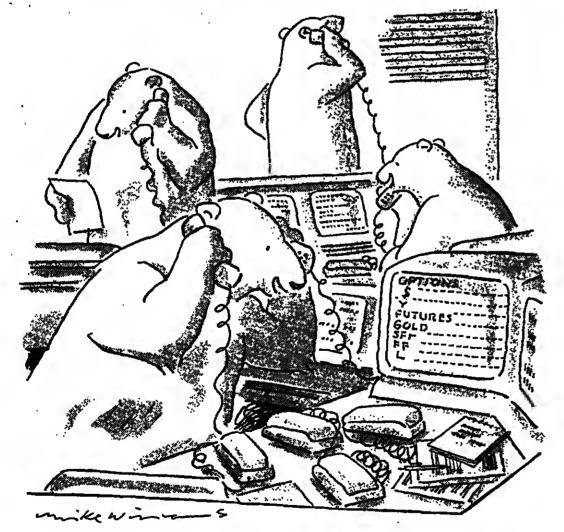
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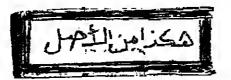
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# Korean Stocks Take Big Hit Ruling Party's Loss Puts Investors on Edge Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches SEOUL — South Korean stocks plunged Wednesday as investors turned approve ofter the

Wednesday as investors turned nervous after the governing Democratic Liberal Party was dealt a severe setback in the general election.

Stocks slumped from the opening on reports that President Roh Tae Woo's party looked set to lose its majority in the National Assembly.

"Political incertainty caused heavy selling," said Huh Eni Do, a broker at Daewoo Securities.

Confirmation that the Democratic Liberals had lost control of the legislature accelerated the de-

cime, dragging the composite index down 16.30 points, or 2.6 percent, to a close of 607.83.

A big winner in the voting Tuesday was the Unification National Party, a conservative group formed by the founder of the Hyundai industrial

conglomerate, Chung In Yung.
The new party secured 31 seats in the 299-seat legislature, enough to form a strong negotiating caucus. Mr. Chung has been accusing Mr. Roh's government of corruption and inconsistency in

As a result, all listed companies of the conglomerate rose early in the session to their maximum allowable highs for the day. Then profit-taking and institutional selling dragged several of the 17 issues back down, and most closed slightly lower. Hyundai Motor Co. ended at 23,300 won

(\$30.12), after touching a maximum high of 24,800 won early in the day. Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co. lost 1,200 won from its intraday high of 15,800 won. The other Hyundai companies

Brokers said the election results had sparked

worries about the uncertainty of future economic policy and threatened to hamstring the administration ahead of presidential elections in December. "It's too early to comment on the future direction of our economy," a local banker said. "But

overall economic activity is expected to be slow until the presidential election." A spokesman for the Federation of Korea Industries expressed surprise at the "strong showing"

by the Unification National Party, and said that businesses were cautiously welcoming the result. Analysts said the party's success could force the government to re-examine its interventionist poli-cy toward conglomerates, known as chaebol.

The spokesman for the industrial federation said t was hoped that the election results would "lead to making the government's regulations against chaebol more rational."

But officials of some conglomerates, including Daewoo, expressed dissatisfaction at the Unification National Party's victory. A managing director said, "I hope Mr. Chimg will keep his promise not to mix business with politics."

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Mr. Roh's party campaigned on a ticket that promised economic stability by harnessing inflation and cooling down the overheated economy. Analysts said they feared Mr. Roh could succumb to the temptation to reshuffle his cabinet, breaking up an established team. (Reuters, AFP)

# **Jardine Lifts Net 18% and Predicts Steady Growth in Asian Operations**

Matheson Holdings Ltd. an- dynamic economic zone," Chairnounced Wednesday a better-than-man Henry Keswick said. "While it expected increase of 18 percent in is too early to make any earnings net profit in 1991 and said it was forecast for 1992, the early months confident that dynamic growth in the Asia-Pacific region guaranteed future growth prospects.

The trading conglomerate posted a profit of \$270.8 million, up from \$229.8 million the previous year and well above market forecasts of 11 to 13 percent growth. Revenue rose to \$7.19 billion from \$5.99 billion.

Net was boosted by an extraordinary gain of \$90.5 million from the have been quite encouraging and flotation of the insurance-broking we are confident about Jardine subsidiary, JIB, on the London Stock Exchange, and the company's \$19.4 million share of extraordinary profit from the sale of properties in Hongkung Land Huldings.

The company proposed a final dividend of 13 cents a share, up from 11.1 cents, making a total of 16.4 cents, up from 14.25, for the

Jardine announced its results after the Hong Kong stock market closed, where its shares were

The majority of our operations lie in the Asia-Pacific region which,

ization that amazed foreigners. It went public when the govern-ment sold part of its holding in

February 1987, at 1.6 million yen a

share. There was a frenzy to own

the shares, and those who got in on

that first offering quickly felt rich.

\$350 billion, or more than the

entire German stock market.

Even after the 1987 collapse, the

government was able to sell

shares to the public in two addi-

tional offerings, at 2.55 million yen and 1.9 million yen a share.

In the days of hectic rises for

NTT, the government ownership

of most of the shares helped push

up the share price. Japanese insti-tutional investors had to have a market weighting in NTT, but the

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Now, with the government's

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posite effect. The government wants to sell more, in large part to

But no sale will be made in the

current financial year, which ends

Tuesday, largely because officials

concluded the market could not

absorb those extra shares. The

government still wants to sell

shares in the next year, however,

and the knowledge that those shares are overhanging the mar-

ket may have helped depress the

The proposed legislation ex-

pected to be approved by the Cabinet on Friday would not af-fect those sales. Instead, it would

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Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches notwithstanding a slowing down in float Jardine Pacific, as had been HONG KONG — Jardioe Japan, remains the world's most long removed.

We will look more toward southern China.' Nigel Rich, managing

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Matheson's future." Mr. Keswick said the group achieved record earnings, excellent cash flow and a strong balance sheet in 1991, with good performances from its brokerage and trading arms, Jardine Fleming and Jardine Pacific.

"Given the encouraging prospects of southern China and the region, we are hopeful that the cur-rent momentum can be maintained," said Nigel Rich, group managing director, at a press con-ference. He also reiterated that the group had no immediate plans to

The congiomerate, which moved its legal domicile to Bermuda in 1984 ahead of China's takeover of the territory in 1997, reiterated its earlier decision to replace Hong Kong with London as its primary stock-listing base.

Guangdong Province in southern China is enjoying an economic boom, especially in the Shenzhen special economic zone bordering Hong Kong.

Mr. Rich said top Jardine executives, including Mr. Keswick, visit-ed Shenzhen early last week and were impressed by the rapid growth there. "We will look more toward southern China," Mr. Rich said.

Jardine Pacific posted a 31 percent increase in profit, mainly on a robust performance by its security, restaurant, aviation and shipping Jardine Fleming's trading and investment operations performed well in 1991, with some \$9.5 billion

under portfolin management at the

end of the year. Jardine International Motors, a car dealer, did well in Hong Kong. although it was hit by the recession in other markets.

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• BMW Japan Corp., a unit of Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, is

recalling 5,049 cars in Japan to repair electric cables that may cause fires.

• Fuji Bank will set up a representative office in Berlin in April or May to gather information on the former East Germany for Japanese clients.

Independent Newspapers Ltd. of New Zealand, which is half-owned by News Corp., said it expected a "considerable improvement" in its full-year profit, although six-months earnings fell 5.5 percent.

Japan Department Stores Association said February sales grew 2.5 percent from a year earlier, to 641 billion yen (\$4.8 billion).

Australia was urged by a parliamentary inquiry to limit foreign owner-ship of media outlets to a maximum of 20 percent.

Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp. said not profit rose 13.9 percent in 1991 to 256 million Singapore dollars (\$155 million).

Huis Ten Bosch, a 538 billion yen theme-park resort resembling a Dutch

Bekaert SA of Belgium plans to withdraw next year from a tire venture

• The Philippine recession has bottomed out, putting the economy on track for 2.5 to 3 percent growth in 1992, according to the economic planning secretary, Cayetann Paderanga.

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Airlines to the private sector Wednesday, and its new owners said they

The government formally turned over a 67 percent stake in the 51-year-old company to a consortium called PR Holdings, which won the deal for 9.64 billion pesos (\$375 million) during an auction in January.

Antonio Cojuangco, a nephew of President Corazon C. Aquino and the head of PR Holdings, was then elected chairman and president of the

"Definitely, we'll try to modernize the fleet and try to improve the

He said the consortium was made up mainly of Filipina groups, with

The sale of PAL's majority stake represented the government's largest privatization effort and was the biggest single sale of corporate securities

village, opened in Nagasaki prefecture.

with Japan's Bridgestone Corp.

Cojuangco said.

# NTT Tries to Attract Foreign Investors

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Japan is moving to allow foreigners to buy a stake in its largest company, Nip-pon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. It is an offer that foreigners might be grateful was not made earlier. The shares of NTT, formerly a

state-owned telephone monopoly, have fallen 80 percent from their 1987 peak. The company, which is still partly owned by the government, has faced growing

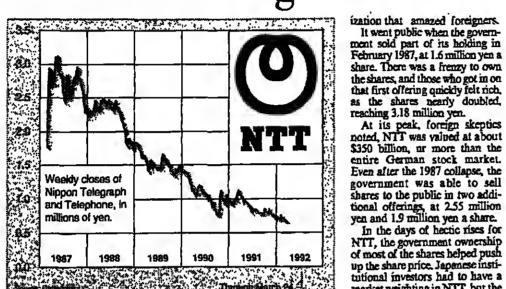
competition within Japan.
That, plus the Japanese bear market, has made NTT's stock a disastrous performer, It has become a symbol of Japan's financial excesses in the 1980s.

The Japanese Cabinet is expected to approve on Friday a proposal from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to allow NTT to sell shares directly to investors, and allow foreigners to buy up to 20 percent of the

Cabinet approval would send the proposal on to Parliament, where approval is expected. The legislation would specify that no foreigners could serve on NTT's

Whether foreigners will want buy may depend on whether they accept arguments that NIT, its market capitalization down to about \$75 billion, is no longer priced absurdly high compared with the world's other telephone

On the surface, that does not appear to be the case. Even after falling 19,000 yen, to 640,000 yen Tuesday - or about \$4,800 a share - the total value of its 15.6 million shares is still greater than the \$70 billion market value of Philip Morris, the largest Ameri-



can company by capitalization. NTT shares are trading at a multiple of about 50 times esti-

mated earnings for the financial year ending next week, and the company, citing the slowing Jap-anese economy, has warned that profit may fall next year. But Jeffrey Zavattero, an ana-

lyst for Jardine Fleming in To-kyo, argues that as a multiple of parable to that of other phone the world, with a market capital-

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Mr. Zavattero said that he believed NTT's profits could rise rapidly if Japanese government regulators would allow it to raise rates on local calls, which are now much cheaper than in most other countries.

Such issues did oot seem to matter in early 1987, when NTT

## Phone Company Girds for Strike

TOKYO — Workers at Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. will strike Thursday if a wage deal is not reached by 8:30 A.M., sources at the telecommunications company and its union said Wednesday. A total of 50,000 NTT employees in 500 offices could strike, a spokesman for the union said.

The union is asking for a wage increase of at least 15,000 yen (\$112) per month, the spokesman said. A company spokesman declined to provide more details of where the negotiations stood.

# Japan's Workers Face Smaller Pay Increases

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche

TOKYO - Japanese workers will have to settle for smaller pay increases this year than in 1991 due to the economic slowdown and falling corporate profits, the Nikkeiren, or Japan Federation of

Employers Associations, said Wednesday.

The electric, steel, car, shipbuilding and heavy-machinery sectors are all offering lower increases than last year to their labor unions. The offers represent the lowest increase in wages in four years.

Takeshi Nagano, chairman of the Nikkeiren, said that "consider-

ing the outlook for companies' profits, this year's wage increase seems quite high" and that there were worries "about this becoming a further borden on profits."

The country's largest labor confederation, Rengo, said that steel, electrical, automobile and shipbuilding and heavy-machinery companies had proposed offers averaging 4.8 percent to respective unions, down from 5.65 percent last year. Rengo represents 7.6 million workers. Unions from these four

sectors were expected to accept the offers, Rengo officials said. The unions had asked for average wage increases of at least 8 percent.
Electric-appliance companies have offered wage increases averaging 4.7 percent for the year that ends March 31, 1993, while carmakers offered increases averaging 4.91 percent, the Japan Council of Metal Workers Unions said.

The pay increases for the electric-appliance and car industries would be below 5 percent for the first time in four years. Steelmakers have offered increases averaging 3.63 percent. (Reuters, AFP)

gave little indication at a regular news conference Wednesday that be was on the brink of cutting the central bank's discount rate. The cut, widely expected to occur in the near future, is being

sought by a growing oumber of government ministers, backed by

indicators, analysts and traders remained convinced that the cut from 4.5 percent to 4.0 or even 3.75 percent would occur soon. "Economic indicators show it is a crucial time with full-fledged

ment of growth in the long term remains unchanged." economie activity of past reductions.

Mr. Mieno declined to comment ou plans to cut the rate but reiterated that the bank was "closely monitoring" the impact on

# No BOJ Hint on Rates

TOKYO - The governor of the Bank of Japan, Yasushi Micno,

ruling party politicians and businessman.

But although Mr. Mieno said that his long-term view of economic growth remained the same despite a recent series of poor economic

inventory drawdown going on," Mr. Mieno said. "But our assess-

Satellite, local newspapers reported. to launch the satellite.

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# May Join GATT Simultaneously

GENEVA - GATT members are moving toward a deal under which China and Taiwan might join the world trade body at the same time, trade officials said Wednesday. We are close to finding an

agreement, one official said. The idea of bringing them in at the same time seems both sensible and Most countries want both Tai-wan and China in the 103-member

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade because of the economic importance of each and because of the desire to try to entice Beijing away from hard-line communism. Trade officials said negotiations on Chinese membership would probably proceed faster now after a

couple of slow years, and the next meeting of GATT's ruling council. on April 30, could set up a working party to negotiate Taiwan's mem-bership. But the officials said that the arrangements were still not settled and that one party would not be let in automatically regardless of how negotiations over its terms of

Taiwan much more closely matches GATT's free-enterprise principles and could in theory be allowed to join quite quickly.

in strategic industries such as aero-

tor general for industry, Didier Lombard, the Taiwan Industrial Development Bureau said. Areas of cooperation will include

nical consulting office in Taipei to aid technology transfer. Meanwhile, a Malaysian official was quoted Wednesday as saying

out a Chinese company. Wang Chieh-ming said cooperation with France would help Tai-wan close its huge trade deficit with

year, from \$7.7 billion in 1990,

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space and telecommunications. Taiwan officials said Wednesday. The agreement was reached at a meeting on Tuesday with a visiting French delegation led by the direc-

that French-based Arianespace had an advantage over others com-peting to launch Malaysia's first satellite, and he appeared to rule Under the France-Taiwan agree-

# Taiwan and China Taiwan and France Agree to Share Industrial Technology

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aerospace components, telecommunications, car parts, environmental-protection equipment and transport, the bureau said. The French side agreed to set up a tech-

ment, no specific contracts were announced. But the director of the industrial development bureau,

Taiwan's deficit with Japan surged to a record \$9.7 billion last

vanced electronic components and

At a meeting on Wednesday, the French delegation asked Taiwan to

Foreign Trade said. In Malaysia, S. Samy Vellu, the

telecommunications minister, said

voluntarily restrict its exports of Arianespace's facilities at Kourou in

#### Taipei Picks TRW for Satellites

Financial details were not disclosed.

TAIPEI — Taiwan has commissioned TRW inc. to help design its satellite program, the National Science Council said Wednesday.
The U.S. company will help Taiwan evaluate technologies, set up projects and manage development work over six months, the council

Under a \$500 million space program announced last year, Taiwan plans to build three scientific-research satellites, with the first one to be launched within five years. The program is expected to produce about 300 local space technol-

ogy professionals for the island, where science involving satellites is at an infant stage, officials said. TRW, based in Cleveland, makes high-technology products for TRW, based in Cieveland, makes information-systems indus-the space and defense, automotive and information-systems indus-france (Reuters, AFP)

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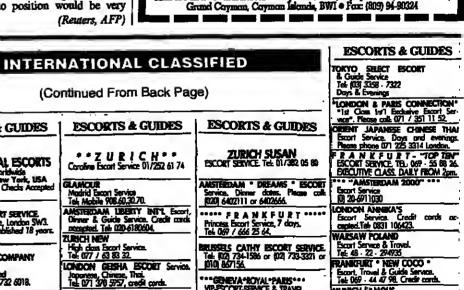
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Mr. Samy noted that Kourou was located 3 degrees north of the tions company, Binariang, signed a memorandum of understanding on Nov. 12 with U.S.-based Hughes equator, the position at which Malaysia plans to lannch its satellite. Space & Communications for the He said China's rocket-launching facilities at Xi Chang were located 38 degrees above the equator and that the cost to navigate the satellite into position would be very

(Reuters, AFP)



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# Nintendo Appears To Gain in Bid for **Seattle Mariners**

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

PORT ST. LUCIE, Florida — A ton official of major league baseball has said that there appeared to be "some progress" in the efforts by a Japanese-led group to buy the Scattle Mariners, but denied a report that the baseball commission-

er was openly supporting the bid. Steve Greenberg, the deputy commissioner, said Tuesday that the progress seemed to stem from the willingness of Nintendo of

Kyoto to reconfigure its proposal.

Though Greenberg did not attend the most recent meeting with
the Japanese investors, he said there were some changes made in the Nintendo offer.

"The sense I got is that there was some progress made." Greenberg said by phone from New York. He would not say how the deal might be altered.

-Commissioner Fay Vincent also referred to such progress last Thursday, the day after baseball officials met for a second time with the prospective buyers.

Although Vincent did not attend

the meeting, which was held in Dal-tas, he said that reports he received indicated that it was a constructive meeting. But asked if he were now going to take a position, Vincent said the matter was in the hands of the ownership committee.

On Tuesday, Greenberg rejected a report in The Seattle Post-Intelli-gencer that the deal is all hut done. The report said that Vincent and Fred Kuhlmann, the chairman of the ownership committee, had joined ranks with the Japanese investors who had offered to pay \$125 million for the struggling

"No. no. no." Greenberg said when asked if the interpretation of Vincent and Kuhlmann roles was correct.
"Baseball was not at that meeting for that purpose," he said.

Reds Lose Ace Reliever

From the spring training camps, the wire services reported:

Rob Dibble, the star relief pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, will miss the rest of spring training with tendinitis in his right shoulder, and it is uncertain when he will be able to pitch again.

A magnetic resonance imaging examination Tuesday found no serious injury to Dibble's shoulder, which has given him problems this

The team's consulting physician, Richard Jolson recommended a 10day program of weight lifting to strengthen the shoulder and arm, followed by a throwing program.

• Tom Lasorda, 64, was given

another one-year contract extension, his 15th, to continue managing the Los Angeles Dodgers at least through 1993; it ended specu-lation that this would be Lasorda's final year as manager of the team. · Bill White, the National

League president, said he would not seek a new term when his ends March 31. White, the highest-ranking black

in baseball, did not give a reason for his decision, although he has never felt entirely at ease in the job he took in 1989 after the Bart Giamatti resigned to become commis-White, 58, a former first base-



man, played 13 years in the majors, mostly with St. Louis and Philadelphia.

First, Dan Gladden took out shortstop David Howard but could not stop a double play. Then Gladden and Scott Livingstone led off the Detroit ninth with consecutive home runs but Kansas City won, 4-3.

# Steinbrenner's Letter Baffles Club Owners

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona - Sounding a desperate note in his attempt to return to an active role with the New York Yankees, George Steinhrenner has written directly to his fellow major league club owners about his plight, but he has left them confused.

The letter, sent Feb. 28, the week before the owners held their quarterly meeting in Chicago, appeared to plead for their help but ultimately seemed to suggest that Steinbrenner planned to sue Commissioner Fay Vincent to break the agreement that ousted him from

The letter, according to owners contacted Tuesday, did not rouse the owners to Steinbrenner's side or even prompt discussion of his status.

"I still don't know what he was trying to say," Bill Giles of the Philadelphia Phillies said by telephone from Clearwater, Florida. "It wasn't clear to me what his motives or his goal were."

Steinbrenner has tried since December to meet with Vincent about his possible reinstatement.

By going directly to the other owners, Steinhrennermost likely diminished his chances of returning as managing partner of the Yankees. He may have violated the July 30, 1990, agreement with Vincent that in effect banned his active involvement with the Yankees.

The three-paragraph letter begins with Steinhrenner saving, "I have tried my level best to bring about a desirable conclusion" to his dispute with Vincent. He continued: "It has been repugnant and distressing to think that what has happened to me could

actually happen in this nation of ours without regard

to the laws of the land and the justice system." Saying that Vincent had turned down "a final plea" for a meeting, Steinhrenner added: "I find myself left with no alternative but to protect my family, myself and the Partnership of which I was chosen General Partner. I hope you will understand that I tried."

# Auctioning Racing History: Lock, Barrel — but no Stock

Calumet Farm:

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New York Times Service

NEW YORK - George Steinbrenner, the exiled owner of the New York Yankees, expressed interest. Jack Kent Cooke, the resident owner of the Washington Redskins, expressed interest. Rock stars, oil tycoons and Japanese investors

Britain's royal family made inquiries. Arabian royalty, too. The Sultan of Brunes not only made

inquiries but toured the property to see for himself.

More than 1,600 other people telephoned for information. And when the first 1,000 catalogs went on sale at \$15.90, listing the items to be auctioned, they were snapped up in an hour and a'

It is not every day that a piece of history is sold at auction. And the gavel on this piece of history will fall Thursday in a huge tent being raised on a bluegrass field

near the training barn of Calumet Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. It is the very heart of the Kentucky horse country — the home of horses who won 2,500 races and 500 stakes races and who eight times won the Kentucky Derby, the home of 16 thoroughhred champi-ons, where Citation was born and

Alydar died, the showplace of racfarm in America. ing with its white barns and devil's It is Calumet Farm, 845 or so acres (about 340 bectares) of memories and legends, and for 60 years the most celebrated racing

farm in America. But for the last decade it has been a farm spending far more than it made, a farm now bankrupt with debts of more than \$100 million, and it is being sold at auction by order of a federal

judge, Joe Lee.

So, with pageantry and regret, "the absolute auction of Calumet Farm," as it is formally designated, will he staged on the turf where Whirlaway and Criminal Type grazed, where Eddie Arcaro rode, where Ben and Jimmy Jones and John Veitch

trained superstars and champions. In the spirit of the times, the auctioneer will raise his gavel wearing a tuxedo as he intones the bids in

a modified tobacco-auctioneer's chant, He will receive bids relayed from the floor by a corps of 50 professional spotters also attired in formal dress, all of them working a throng of perhaps 10,000 spectators and an unknown number of prospective buyers who must file cashier's checks for \$500,000 before even being allowed to

make their bids for history.

"This is a trophy property," said William Bone, who is orchestrating the sale as vice president of the J. P. King Auction Company of New York. "It's like selling the Hope Diamond or the Waldorf-Astoria. You're selling history.

When the gavel falls, that's it. The high bid wins Calumet Farm. When the gavel falls, they want to know they bought it. In their minds, they've already bought it. They want glory."

But do they want Calumet Farm, or do they want all that prime land for shopping malls and other developments adjoining the Lexington Airport and the Keeneland Race Course?

"If somebody wanted to buy the Alamo," Bone said, reaching for past glory to dramatize the present, "and if they wanted to divide the property into lots, the whole state of Texas would be up in arms. You cannot now subdivide this property. If you tried to change the zoning, you'd be bucking, the tide. The people in Lexington think it's theirs to have and to hold."

"And," he said, adding the clincher, "the people who have expressed interest in huying Calumet Farm are interested in it as a horse farm.

They want to stand in the winner's circle at Churchill Downs."

The King Company will stage the auction in collaboration with

the Lexington firm of Swinehroad-Denton, and they will sell Calumet

The land itself will go first, including 9 residences, 15 barns with 230 stalls, 14 work buildings and 2 training tracks.

Then, over the course of the next day or so, bundreds of items of "personal property" will be auctioned.

They will include stable equipment, farm tractors and even some racing trophies not already vaulted away by the family of Warren Wright Sr., the Calumet baking heir who established the farm

as a thoroughbred center 62 years ago. They will finally include horse portraits, rugs, cupboards and other furniture from the family residence that fell silent last antumn, when Wright's daughter-in-law, Bertha Wright, was forced to leave to make way for the auction sale.

Horses? None are left. They were sold in recent months in a wave of litigation.

"We had over 1,600 people telephone for information," Bone said. "Every day, I'm talking to people who are rich and famous, people you don't associate with racing. The first thousand catalogs went in an hour and a half, and all 5,000 were gone in five days. And it's 90-some pages long." Nobody knows how many investors will present

\$500,000 cashier's checks before the auction begins, nor how much they will be prepared to offer. Some prospective bidders have asked whether \$15 million was the right neighborhood, Judge Lee

has decreed that the highest bid wins Calumet and its legends, regardless.

# Tyson Faces Imrar Prison (and 6 Civil Suits)

By Bill Brubaker

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Mike Tyson's legal troubles will not end Thursday in Indianapolis after the former heavyweight boxing cham-pion is sentenced for the rape of Desirce Washington, a former Miss. Black America contestant.

In courthouses from New York to Los Angeles, Tyson faces six civil lawsuits, ranging from palimony and paternity to an alleged failure to make payments on a \$150,000 bracelet, with three brought by women who allege sexual abuse.

"The rape trial helped our case a whole lot; it showed Tyson's behavior with women," said Blair Wasserman, a lawyer for the 1990-91 Miss Black America, Rosie Jones, who charges in a \$100 million suit that Tyson fondled her at the Indi-ana Black Expo last summer.

During the rape trial, Tyson was portrayed by his lawyer, Vincent Fuller, as a lewd, sexually aggressive womanizer. Tyson described the language he used with Wash-ington as "crass" and sexually explicit. Fuller argued that Washing-ton should have known what she was getting into when she went into Tyson's hotel room July 19.

That defense did not sway the jury in Indianapolis, but in the coming months it may help Tyson's civil-court accusers, lawyers said. "Tyson's testimony certainly belped Rosie's position," Wasserman said. "Tyson admitted that he's a wild kind of guy."

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By Joe Lapointe

"How can the rape conviction not help our case?" said Mary Frances Marino, a lawyer for the model and actress Robin Young, who alleges that Tyson grabbed her m a sexually suggestive manner in 1990. Here we have Tyson's testimony and, I mean, he basically got up and said: This is what I do."

At the hearing on Thursday, Judge Patricia J. Cifford of Marion County Superior Court can impose a sentence ranging from zero to 20 years in prison; the county prosecutor's office has said it will recommend from 6 to 10 years. With good behavior, Tyson could be released after serving half his sentence. Tyson's legal team has said it will

appeal the conviction.

#### **BOOKS**

#### ALIEN INK: The FBI's War on Freedom of Expression

By Natalie Robins. Illustrated, 495 pages. \$27.50. William Morrow & Co. Inc., 105 Madison Avenue, New York.

Reviewed by Frank J. Donner

URING the last decade a steady stream of books and articles has poured forth dealing with abuses by the FBI and with the benighted performance of its former director, J. Edgar Hoover, over a half-century. Now comes Natalie Robins's "Alien

Ink," a book with a special focus, a vertical slice of the FBI's operational agendas against writers and what they produced, documented by profiles of prominent American writers.

The book's superh documentation draws on secret files, obtained by the author on hundreds of subjects, beginning

with the early pre-Hoover roster of writers hke Max Eastman, Walter Lippmann, Ar-chibald MacLeish, Jack London, Lincoln Steffens and Carl Sandburg. These and other contemporary file

subjects were, for the most part, victims of a climate of hostility, fear and suspicien generated by the Russian Revolu-tion and World War I. They were mere dribbles, however, compared to the flood of investigations and resultant files that emerged in the half-century hunt for dis-

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senters and radicals produced under Hoover's direction.

The Hoover-era files embraced bestelling authors, poets and Nobel Prize winners, from Edna St. Vincent Millay to William Faulkner, from Ernest Hemingway to John Cheever.

The files, some skimpy and others hundreds of pages long, predominantly deal with writers identified internally as tainted by communism. The vast majority of those indexed and filed are found to be involved in what a file entry refers to as "compulsive fellow travelerism." The files also contain resumes and

data concerning conservative journalists like Walter Winchell, George Sokolsky and Louella Parsons, as well as clues, tips and gossip about possible subjects for investigation. William F. Buckley Jr., for example, was converted from insider to targeted subject as a result of a joking, piece about Hoover that the director de-nounced as a "new low in journalism." The sources of this densely researched

study are not confined to documents released under the Freedom of Informa-tion Act. Confirming and updating file material are dozens of interviews, not only with living writers or surviving spouses, but also with editors, lawyers, social critics and former agents.

Prominent among those interviewed for accounts of the background and setting of the FBI's jihad against writers and intellectuals are Cartha D. DeLoach. former third-ranking bureau official; Roy M. Cohn, Senator Joseph R. Mc-

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Carthy's henchman, who snared with Rohins his deathbed recollections of hureau operations, and the current FBI director, William S. Sessions, who de-fended the bureau's widely criticized Library Awareness Program, which was devised to trap potential spies. A major assignment of agents was to signal the bureau's media allies (among

them the broadcast journalist and syndicated columnist Fulton Lewis Jr. and Westhrook Pegler) to denounce such critics as sinister Reds or dupes. Hoover, when enraged, directed agents to write and plant derogatory reviews and letters, and to pressure book-store owners not to stock disapproved

Robins's remarkable documentation reinforces her conclusion that Hoover's strategic priority was the formation of opinion. Writers had to be silenced, discredited or censored, not only to shelter the American way of life from its enemies, but also to insure that the FBf, in the person of its director, was perceived and venerated as the nation-savior turn-

ing hack the ever-threatening barbarians at the gates. "Alien Ink" contributes greatly to an understanding of the dark underside of American culture and offers a prescription for altered priorities in the agendas of intelligence agencies.

Frank J. Donner, the author of "The Age of Surveillance" and "Protectors of Privilege," wrote this for The New York

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### **BRIDGE**

By Alan Truscott On the diagramed deal, North's use of Stayman followed by three notrump implied ownership of a four-card spade suit. West therefore lead a club

and struck pay dirt. At double dummy West would lead the club king, preserving the queen as an eventual entry to the East band. After the lead of the seven to the jack and queen a battle of wits ensued and South prevailed. BEETLE BAILEY

South held up his club ace for a round and then led the diamond king. East held up his ace for two rounds, and West made a good effort by discarding the club ten. If South had played a third diamond. West would have disposed of the club king and East would have taken three club tricks to beat the game.

Unfortunately for the defense, South shifted gears. He cashed his ace-king of spades and played a third round of the suit. If he had needed an extra spade trick he could have finessed the eight, a play that was very likely to succeed. But he did not need to run the risk of losing to East, which would permit that player to cash the diamond are and then his clubs. Instead he took the spade queen and followed with a heart finesse. West produced the heart queen and cashed a winner in each black suit, but South collected three heart tricks at the finish to make his contract.

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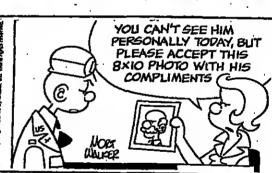




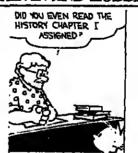


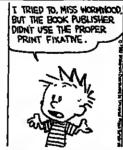
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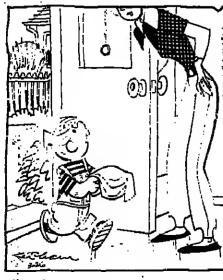
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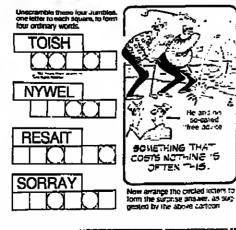
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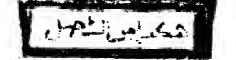












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Javed Miandad, who scored 58 runs in the final in Melbourne, swept a ball to fine leg in front of England's wicketkeeper, Alec Stewart.

# Captain Is Top Scorer as England Is Beaten by 22 Runs

Wednesday over favored England for his country's first World Can title and the highlight of an interna-tional cricket career that has lasted almost two decades.

Khan led all batsmen with 72 runs as Pakistan made 249 for six wickets in 50 overs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, then he claimed the last wicket of tailender Richard Illingworth as England was bowled out for 227 with four balls left and failed for the third time to win the title.

With that the 39-year-old allrounder raised his arms in triumph in front of a record limited-overs crowd of 87,182.

"I feel very proud that in the twilight of my career I've finally managed to win a World Cup," said Imran, who played with a painful shoulder injury throughout the ninenation, five-week tournament.

In Pakistan, the victory set off wild celebrations throughout the country although it is the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. In London, the bookmakers William London, the bookmakers William ters from square leg before jug-Hill requoted the opposition Labor gling, then dropping, the ball.

Party as 8-11 favorites and dropped the Conservative Party to even World Cup run with an edge for

dad, scored 58 despite struggling with a stomach virus that forced

him to use a numer. The inspiration of the two veterans, the only men to have played in all five World Caps, led their younger teammates to bowl and field

mpeccably under pressure. Left-handed paceman Wasim Akram took three for 49 and spinner Mushtaq Ahmed three for 41 as the English crumpled, and they were backed up by Aaqib Javed, who took two for 27.

Pakistan started poorly with the bat, scoring 125 runs for two wick-ets in the first 35 overs, then streaked home with 124 in the final

The stand between Imran and Javed got 139 runs from only 188 balls, a splendid pace considering both struggled early in their innings. But they were aided by some sloppy English fielding, with Imran being dropped by rival captain Graham Gooch when just nine as he tried a swipe over mid-wicket off Phil DeFreitas. Gooch ran 30 me-

The Associated Press said voters may identify the govMELBOURNE — Imran Khan criment with the cricket defeat.

ment record total of 1,013 to claim Hick (17) and Gooch (29) by dis-

hit a catch to the outfield off score 69 for four. Botham.

19 balls. Derek Pringle conceded just two runs in the final over to finish with 22 for three, but England's other match award. medium-pacers were belted. Chris Lewis bowled five overs for 10 runs

with the total six, but was displeased by the caught behind decision given against him by umpire Brian Aldridge of New Zealand. Aldridge then upset the Paki-stanis, refusing a loud appeal against Alec Stewart on six. But Stewart made only one more before he fell

caught behind off Asqib Javed.

missing both in the space of 10 runs. Hick was baffled by a beautiful He was out for 58 playing a daring reverse sweep at Illingworth that was easily caught by Ian Botham.

Hick was baffled by a beautiful googly to fall leg before wicket with the total 59, then Gooch skied a Imran made 19 off 55 balls, then sweep behind square to depart to a added 53 off the next 55 before he brilliant catch from Aaqib with the

Neil Fairbrother (62) and Allan-When the veterans departed, two lamb (31) put on 72 and again:
of Pakistan's exciting young players took over. Inzamam Ul-Haq the match with inspired captaincy, added to his brilliant semifinal 60.

He brought back Wasim, who. against New Zealand by belting 42 bowled Lamb with a brutal leg-off 35 balls, while Wasin hit 33 off cutter and next ball bowled Chris

Lewis with an inswinger. That broke England's comeback. and carned Wasim the man-of the-

"I have always maintained that: Wasim is the most talented cricket-"When he is on song, there is no"

Gooch said that losing the early wickets "made it very difficult. We. just didn't play the game up to our best standard."

For both captains, as well as Botham, three of cricket's brightest. stars of the past 15 years, this was i probably their last World Cup.

"I don't think I'll get the chance." to play in a fourth one, so I am

# NHL Talks Resume Pensions: Old Stars Seek Overtime Score Happiness for Duke As Deadline Looms

By Joe Lapointe

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Negotiations over a new collective bargaining agreement for the National Hockey League have been resumed and were to continue Wednesday with two small groups representing players and owners meeting behind closed doors in a Toronto hotel.

But although the tone of Tuesday's negotiations was markedly better than the recent talks in New York, the two sides were still facing a deadline of noon Monday - the beginning of the final week of the regular season, when the players have said they will go on strike if a settlement is not reached.

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In jeopardy then would be the Stanley Cup playoffs, the fourround event among 16 teams dur- . Certainly, everyone would probing which large gate receipts are ably agree, some teams get large-generated for owners and relatively gate receipts in the playoffs. small bonuses are paid to players.

I"We had the best discussion by far, but we have a long way to go," The Associated Press reported Mike Liut of the Washington Capitals, one of two players at Tuesday's meeting, as saying. The mood was fairly easy. But we are not looking at signals right now. We want to talk about the issues and see if we can't hammer out a

"We are still at the table and we are meeting this morning, so you have to take it as a sign of progress," added Doug Wilson of the San Jose Sharks. "We haven't had a whole lot of communication up to this point, so this is good."]

The last collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15.

The league has had no general

walkout in its 75-year history. In its 25 years under Alan Eagleson, the players association usually agreed to settlements of disputes before a season, with little rancor. Bob Goodenow replaced Eagleson as executive director last year. Representing the owners Tues-

day were John Ziegier, the league president; Jim Gregory, the NHL's vice president for hockey operations; Marcel Aubut, owner of the Quebec Nordiques; Barry Shen-karow, owner of the Winnipeg Jets; David Poile, vice president and general manager of the Capitals; Paul Martha, vice president and general counsel of the Pittsburgh Penguins, and Bob Pulford, senior vice president of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Representing the players were Goodenow; Sam Simpson, the association's director of operations; Jim Quinn, a lawyer advising the players, Lint and Wilson.

Ziegler and Goodenow were side by side at a news conference to announce they had agreed to a news blackout and had decided to resume bargaining Wednesday. At their last session, they held separate news conferences, both of them

expected to join the discussions as

they continue through the week. Gary Meagher, a spokesman for the league, said the conference rooms at the hotel had been booked for the rest of the week.

Among the issues separating the two sides are mobility for free agents, arbitration procedures, the entry draft, waiver rules, pension contributions, playoff bonuses, the length of the schedule and roster

But the main issue is free agency, because the ability to solicit job offers, both sides agree, is an effec-

tive way to raise wages.

The owners, through Ziegler, have said their business is not prof-

The players, through Goodenow, have said it is. Certainly, everyone would prob-

During the first round of the playoffs, a team like the New York Rangers can take in an estimated \$750,000 per game in ticket sales, a figure that doesn't include revenue from corporate luxury suites, the most expensive at Madison Square Garden, or from concessions or

But players on teams that lose in the first round get paid as little as \$429 per game.

By Dave Anderson

New York Times Service NEW YORK — It's as if Gordie Howe, Bobby Hull and Andy Bathgate, among hundreds of former National Hockey League players, might score again, long after skating onto a league rink for the last time.

It's as if the NHL, while grappling near the boards with one opponent, might be blind-sided by a far more ferocious foe.

Nearly a year ago, Howe, Hull, Bathgate, Carl Brewer, Allan Stanley, Eddie Shack and Leo Reise filed a class-action suit in Toronto alleging

that millions of dollars intended to benefit men who were NHL players from 1947 to 1982 were being used to pay pension costs of current **Vantage** 

Point In rebuttal, the NHL's president,

John Ziegler, issued a statement last April 30 insisting that "not one cent of money contributed by or belonging to former players" has been used for the pensions of current

But last fall, the FBI announced it was about to subpoen records of the league, its clubs and the NHL Players Association. Months later, the operational word for that inquiry is "ongoing," which means the NHL

hierarchy's concern is ongoing.

As the NHL club owners await the Monday strike deadline imposed by the union, they are looking over their shoulders, wondering if a Boston grand jury has gathered enough evidence of fraud to result in an indictment by the U.S. attorney's office,

If an indictrient comes down, the current labor dispute will suddenly turn into a two-minute penalty for the club owners. If an indictment comes down, the NHL's integrity, along with the grity of Ziegler and the players association's

tor, Alan Eagleson, will be at stake as never before. But no matter what develops in the FBI investigation or in the June 8

class-action trial in Toronto, the NHL pension plan is a disgrace.

"All we're looking for is the truth," Bathgate said from his home in suburban Toronto. "All we want is a complete accounting of all the money that's in the pension fund."

That money belongs to the former players, but they had to go to court to seek a complete accounting.

"The difference between the baseball and hockey pension plans is tremendous even though both go back to 1947," said the former right wing for the New York Rangers, who was voted the 1959 Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player. "I'm told that there a \$500 million in the baseball pension plan, but only \$32 million in the hockey pension plan."

Baseball players of Bathgate's era, such as Yogi Berra and Whitey

Ford, receive annual pension payments of nearly \$60,000.

"But for Gordie Howe's 32 seasons in hockey," Bathgate said, "he told me just last week he only gets \$14,000 a year. I get \$10,200 a year, which is what I was guaranteed, but I also was told that my annual pension would be upgrade

I put \$19,000 in to the pension fund, but with matching contributions by my teams, money from playoff tickets and All-Star Games, and the natural growth of pension funds, I should be getting much more." A S THE PREMIER player of his time, if not all time, Howe is

Collecting a pittance, not a pension. As good as Wayne Gretzky is, as good as Bobby Orr was, Howe skates alone as the best hockey player in istory: scorer, checker, competitor, gladiator. In an era when only six teams existed, he and Maurice Richard of the

Montreal Canadiens, then he and Hull of the Chicago Black Hawks, were the cornerstones that enabled the NHL to expand to 12 teams and, eventually, to the 24 that will compete next season.

Howe arrived as an 18-year-old right wing with the Detroit Red Wings and, after a comeback in the World Hockey Association, skated beyond age 50 with the Hartford Whalers. If Howe's pension is a pittance, imagine what other worthwhile players

receive. According to Bathgate, some of his contemporaries receive less than \$200 a year, depending on the length of their careers.

"Tve had guys tell me they've asked for an annual check," Bathgate said. "The monthly check is too embarrassing to cash."

In other sports, a commissioner and a union leader usually resemble a

mongoose and a cobra. But in hockey, Ziegler and Eagleson, until this moves was met with screams and year the executive director of the players association for more than two squeals. decades, appeared to have a cozy relationship. After questions regarding the NHL's pension plan were raised in a

series of articles in The Eagle-Tribune of Lawrence, Massachusetts, by Russ Conway, its sports editor, the class-action litigation and the FBI investigation forced the NHL to open its pension books. Those books will answer ongoing questions.

but his next five cost 42. England's chase began in controversy, then struggled against good bowler in the world like him."

Botham was first out for zero wickets "made it very difficult"

aught behind off Asoib Javed. feeling awfully disappointed that we... Legspinner Mushtaq, in a crucial weren't able to win, Gooch said...

By Barry Jacobs New York Times Service GREENSBORO, North Caroli-

na — The Greensboro Coliscum

was quiet, nearly devoid of onlook-Workers in press row were con-necting telephones. A few interviews were being conducted at the edges of the court, on which seven teams uneventfully twirled through practice a day before the East Re-gional of the National Collegiate

Athletic Association baskerball

Then, suddenly, it was show

The Duke Bine Devils, college basketball's version of a hot rock group, were due to practice and, as if by magic, 5,000 fans materialized

For a full hour that day the crowd cheered and clapped while Duke, ranked No. 1 in the country,

went through offensive drills. A plenitude of dunks and flas

Such adoration has become common for this Blue Devil squad, which on Thursday night will resume its quest for a second consecutive national championship by playing an East Regional semifinal

Duke team has a record of 30-2, "I, think our guys have been great about handling it." The phenomenon of Duke's pop-

game against Seton Hall in Phila-

ticed - let's put it that way," said

Mike Krzyzewski, the coach, whose

ularity, especially among young, people, is not restricted to the Southeast or to basketball-crazy? North Carolina. Wherever the team goes, including Los Angeles and oston, fans are certain to gather.

"It's something we love and appreciate a great deal," said Chrisian Laettner, the 6-foot, 11-inch-(2.11-meter) senior center. Grant Hill, a teammate, reports

that the squad met vocal adulation when it stayed in a hotel in Winston-Salem last month. "It felt like we were the Beatles, or something: said Hill, who was born in 1972 a year after the Beatles disbanded.

The team's popularity can be traced to live NCAA semifinal appearances in the last six years including its toppling of Nevada-Las Vegas last year before the Blue Devils beat Kansas in the final —

and to extensive news-media expo-"I think it's an unbelievable opportunity for these guys to learn about people," Krzyzewski said. "I'm sure they've learned more playing basketball at Duke — nothing against the education at Duke University, but with all we've gone through, than anything at Duke I mean, it's a lesson in life."

■ Utah, Rhode Island Gain Byron Wilson scored the last of, his 16 points on two free throws: with 25 seconds left as Utah defcated Arizona State, 60-58, Tuesday night in Tempe. Arizona, in one of two second-round games in the National Invitation Tournament, The

Associated Press reported.

Utah (22-10) rallied from a six point deficit in the final three and a half minutes to earn a home game Friday against Rhode Island.

Rhode Island also won on the road as Jason Alexander made a 3-1 pointer with 34 seconds remaining in the second overtime, and the Rams (22-9) survived three Boston College shots in the final 17 sec-

onds for an 81-80 victory. ■ Jordan Implicated

A man accused of conspiring to launder illegal drug and gambling proceeds tried to avoid taxes by disguising gambling winnings as a loan from Michael Jordan, The Associated Press reported from Charlotte, North Carolina, citing a federal court document. Documents were filed March 10

by a U.S. attorney in an attempt to recover \$57,000 that James Bouler says he got from the Chicago Bulls' star. The Internal Revenue Service had seized the check, but a federal judge ordered the money returned. Both Jordan and Bouler have said the money was a loan to help Bouler pay for a golf driving range:

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

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**World Cup Final** 

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PAST WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS
1975—West Indies best Australia by 17 runs
1979—West Indies best Englend by 92 runs
1983—India best West Indies by 43 runs
1983—Australia best England by 7 runs
1992—Pokiston def. England by 32 runs

#### SIDELINES

German Swimmer Banned 6 Months

HAMBURG (AP) -- German swimmer Sven Hackmann was suspended Wednesday for six months for using anabolic steroids, knocking him out of the Olympics.

Hackmann, a backstroke and freestyle specialist, denied he took a banned substance to improve his swimming. The German Swimming Federation said his explanation was that he received injections in January in Los Angeles to treat an arm injury suffered while playing racquethall, and the medication used probably contained a steroid.

Strike Against PGA Tour Postponed PONTE VEDRA, Florida (AP) - Field staff officials called off

Wednesday, at least temporarily, a strike against the PGA Tour and its showcase Players Championship.

The atrike of the Professional Association of Golf Officials, the union that represents 19 officials who conduct the daily operations of tournaments, was to begin at midnight on the eve of one of the most prestigious

events in pro golf. In a letter to the tour's deputy commissioner, Tim Finchem, the officials' attorney, Richie Phillips, said the union's board of directors had elected "to lift the midnight strike deadline" and offered to submit the contract dispute to binding arbitration. The tour refused to go to

### For the Record

Pat Swilling, who made the Pro Bowl in each of the last three seasons and last season led the NFL in sacks with 17, has signed an offer sheet with the Detroit Lions that is reportedly worth \$5.6 million over three years, which would make him the highest-paid defensive player in the NFL His current team, the New Orleans Saints, has until next Monday either to match the offer or allow him to leave.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said it will send a record 624 athletes

the previous biggest team was 601 in 1988 - to Barcelona. **Quotable** 

Summer Sanders, the Stanford swimmer being romantically linked to Melvin Stewart, world-record holder in the 200 butterfly: "I just try to stay out of it - but it's hard to do when you're one of the people



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nology. Communicatioo systems people coovinced cost-conscious executives, making 5500,000 a year.

that they could Buchwald save \$300 a week for each telephone operator they threw out the

It was a great opportunity for U.S. corporations to install high-tech machines that would help sales and create goodwill.

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Glassman explained, "When a customer calls in to order gifts, the recorded voice says. This is Tip-pany Gifts. All our lines are husy.

#### The 'Last Judgment' Will Keep Loincloths

The Associated Press VATICAN CITY - Restorers cleaning Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" will leave loincloths painted onto some of the master-piece's nudes, deemed offensive in the 16th century, a Vatican official

"Those loincloths are facts of history," said Fabrizio Mancinelli, who is directing the work on Mi-chelangelo's Sistine Chapet fres-coes. "Part of restoration is also to save the history of a work of art."

want leather goods, press 74678953. If you wish to place an order for funny aprons, wail for a dial tone and hold all five fingers oo the number 4. If you have any

you hear the beep after Wagner's 'Ride of the Valkyries.' Jacobson said, "Can I ask why this is such a good system com-pared to the one I have now?"

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Jacobson wanted to know, "How does my customer find that out?" "It's very simple. You dial the last four letters of the person's name and then divide by 2."

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"How much does one of these machines cost?"

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Jacobson said, "It's very tempt-ing. Do you think that it will really help my business?"

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"Can I get back to you?"
"Yeh, but when you ring me don't press 4557. I'm oow on 9865 except in the morning when I'm usually on HOLD."

# Meeting of Minds: New Einstein Letters

By John Noble Wilford
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Asked how he would have felt had there been oo experimental confirmation of his general theory of relativity, Albert Einstein is supposed to have remarked, "Then I would have felt sorry for the dear Lord - the theory is

Yet Einstein, knowing that the theory and his reputation could stand or fall on the results of certain rigorous tests, was keenly interested in the work of one young ally, Erwin Findlay Freundlich.

Years before the theory was perfected and published in 1916. Einstein was advising and encouraging Freundlich, an astronomer at the Royal Observatory in Berlin, to conduct astronomical observations that could prove or disprove his revolutionary concept of space, time and gravitation.

The nature and importance of their collaboration, especially in the period of Em-stem's greatest creativity, comes into sharper focus in 25 previously unpublished letters and postcards from Einstein to Freundlich that have just been given to the Pierpont
Morgan Library in New York.
The correspondence had been in private
hands and generally inaccessible to the

public or most scholars,

The letters document the developmen of crucial aspects of Einstein's general theory of relativity, including all three pre-dictions that were eventually verified by experiments or observations.

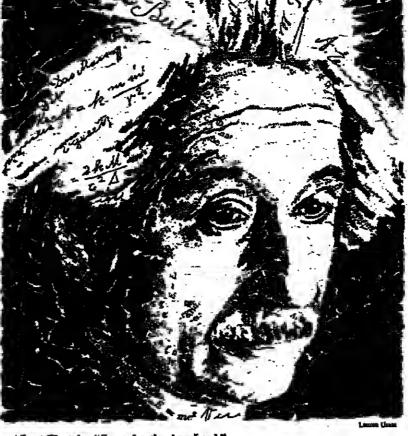
One letter includes what may be the first illustration of the curvature of light, an astrophysical phenomenon predicted by the theory.

The general theory of relativity explains the force of gravity in terms of the curvature that space undergoes in the vicinity of massive objects.

Einstein predicted that light passing through such a curved space would itself follow a curving path, and this prediction was confirmed by observation of the devi-ation of light from a star as the light passed close to the sun on its way to the

Another prediction based on Einstein's theory was that light passing a massive object would undergo a reddening, and the theory also predicted that a clock near a very massive object would run slower than one distant from such an object. All these predictions have been confirmed.

Robert E. Parks, curator of autograph manuscripts at the library, said this was one of the most important collections of Einstein letters from the crucial years of 1911 to 1921, when Einstein was formulating the general theory of relativity and waiting for experimental confirmation.



Albert Einstein: "Sorry for the dear Lord."

They reveal in more detail than before Freundlich's role as a disciple, as perhaps the first scientist to become thoroughly acquainted with the fundamental princi ples of Einstein's theory, and as the first person to try to provide experimental proof of the predicted consequences of the general theory.

In one test, Freundlich was successful. In the other, more critical test, the bending of starlight as it passes through the gravitational field of a massive object like the sin, he probably would have been successful if World War I had not intervened.

Freundlich's experimental ideas, which are discussed in this correspondence, eventually prevailed, though others got most of the credit.

Martin J. Klein, a professor of science history at Yale University who is senior editor in charge of publishing the complete Einstein papers, said the collection at the Morgan was quite important in under-

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He described Freundlich as a moderately important figure in Einstein's career, someone who "certainly was supportive, especially in the early years."

Scholars say there are as many as 50,000 documents in the Einstein archive. Publication of the papers, a project centered at Boston University, could run to as many

Only two volumes have been printed; a third is at the press, and volumes four and five should go to press later this year,

Einstein biographers, though aware of Freundlich's role as a disciple and experi-mentalist, have made little or no use of this

But Ronald W. Clark, author of "Einstein: The Life and Times," cited the letters as an essential primary source of Einquotation from a letter Einstein wrote to. Framdlich in September 1911.

At the time, Freundlich was frustrated n his attempts to measure the deflection of light caused by the planet Jupiter. Einstein's response is consoling and philosophical. "If only we had a considerably larger planet than Jupiter!" Einstein wrote in a letter from Prague. "But nature has not made it a priority to make it easy for us to discover its laws."

The letters and postcards acquired by the Morgan represent all but a few that Einstein is believed to have written to Freundlich: They had been acquired from Preundlich's widow by Horace Wood Brock, an economist and rare-document collector in Menlo Park, California.

Brock donated the correspondence to the Morgan Library, adding to its growing collection of papers of famous scientists.

Most of the Einstein letters are handwritten, with the "very neat, regular penmanship of a German schoolboy," as Parks observed. In the tradition of those more formal times, most of the letters begin, Liebe Freundlich!, or Dear Freundich, and are signed simply, Einstein or A.

Freundlich was born in Biebrich, Germany, in 1885 of a German father and Scottish mother. After earning a doctorate at Göttingen University, he went to work at the Berlin observatory, where he was introduced to Einstein, who at the time was having trouble finding astronomers to search for experimental proofs to his still unpublished general theory.

Thus began a close working relationship and the husinesslike correspondence from 1911 to 1931.

World War I broke out in August while Freundlich was in Russia on the way to the Crimea. He was briefly interned by the Russians when they declared war on Ger-

In 1918, Freundlich became Einstein's full-time assistant. After World War I, he raised money to establish the Einstein Observatory in Potsdam, becoming its first director and working alongside Einstein. This proximity accounts for the hiatus in their correspondence through most of the 1920s. When it was resumed briefly in 1931, Einstein was expressing some of his ideas for a theory unifying all the forces of nature, a goal that still defies scientists. Both Einstein and Freundlich left Ger-

many after Hitler came to power, and apparently had no further correspondence with each other.

astronomer at St. Andrews University in Scotland, the land of his mother. Einstein died in 1955, and Freundlich in 1964.

#### PEOPLE

A Pan Am Saigon Aide Departs, 17 Years Later

Seventeen years ago, Nguyen Van Lac, a Pan Am employee in Saigon, gave up his seat on the last arcommercial flight from South Victorian to stay with his sick mother. Among those on the jumbo jet on April 24, 1975, was Al Topping, Pan Am's station chief, who had promised to get him out. "I thought I would never see him again," Luc said Wednesday in Bangkok, en route to the United States. Topping, 52, lost his job when Pan Am out of business last Dec. 4, but by then moves to get Luc to the Unit-ed States were under way. Luc. 58, had to leave behind eight children over age 21, but brought three younger daughters. Now he wants to get the others out. "I think always of them. I hope they follow me as soon as possible."

Felicidad Norlega, 46, and Rosa Busto, 50, were arrested at a Miami-area shopping mall after security guards in a department store saw them removing buttons from clothes. They were charged with grand theft for allegedly taking \$305 worth of buttons. Notinga was freed on \$1,500 bond after spending the night in jail, so was able to resume attendance at the drug trial of her husband, Manuel, the former Panamanian leader.

Brigitte Bardot has severed her contract with France's TF1 television station after it delayed the airing of a documentary on endangered animals by more than an hour to accommodate a comedy special. The animal rights activist made public an irate letter in which she canceled plans for four more of her "SOS Animals" documentaries to be shown this year. Her current one, although scheduled for a 10:30 P. M. broadcast Monday, was not shown until 11:45 P. M.

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